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RESPITE FOR INTEREST RATES

Market cheered by money supply

By ANDREAS WHITTAM SMITH City Editor

NEWS of a contraction in the money supply during December and a further hardening of North Sea oil prices brought calmer conditions to the London money markets yesterday. Dealers now put the chances of an early rise in bank base rates at 50-50.

The day's economic news cheered the Stock Exchange and the 30-share index jumped to a record 971·2.

In the money market, the key three months deposit rate fell from $10\frac{5}{8}$ to 10 per cent., which still leaves bank base rates, currently $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $9\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., under the market.

The Bank of England announced that the broad measure of the money supply, sterling M3, fell by about $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

This means that its annual rate of growth since February last year comes out at 10 per cent., or precisely in line with the top of the Government's six to 10 per cent. target range.

However the narrow measure of money supply, M0, jumped by $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. last month, still reflecting distortions caused by the huge subscription to the British Telecom issue. M0 is largely a measure of cash while sterling M3 also includes bank accounts.

In late dealings the pound came under presure again. It had begun the day well, rising to $1·15\frac{3}{4}$ from just under $1·14\frac{1}{2}$ overnight. But the sheer strength of the dollar was re-asserted in active dealings during the afternoon.

The pound came back to close at $1·1495 in London and slipped further in New York.

North Sea prices rise

Oil prices surged in free market trading, bringing welcome relief to the pressure on Britain to cut official North Sea oil contract charges. But traders said that the pick up, due to cold weather sureading throughout Europe and an improvement in United States prices, would be short-lived and argued that cuts in official prices were inevitable.

Trading was hectic in most of the European oil centres with North Sea Brent oil in particularly heavy demand. Prices for delivery this month rose by 50 cents to $28·65 a barrel and showed a 50 cents improvement at $26·55 for shipment next month and 90 cents to $26·40 for March collection.

But these quotations were still well below the $28·65 a barrel being paid by the British National Oil Corporation to suppliers.

The State trading body is being forced to sell almost all its available oil at heavy losses in the free market. Customers have cancelled contracts because they can buy North Sea oil more cheaply in the open market.

The corporation denied that decisions had been made to abandon the current contract price but it confirmed that i was being forced to sell at market-related prices to get rid of all its oil.

The Government and the corporation are hoping that a continued improvement in prices and a better market reception for attempts by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to tighten price and output discipline among its 13 members will help stabilise the market and reduce the need for a sizeable North Sea cut.

Traders are sceptical about the chances of Opec "getting its act together," but the Government is prepared to wait until the end of the month before making decisions on future prices.

Profits better than expected

North Sea prices were drifting down to the $25 mark before cold weather came to the rescue. Now traders are speculating that prices could rise to $27 shortly while arguing that the improved trend will not last long.

The Stock Exchange, however, registered few doubts. Share prices moved strongly ahead, with the FT 30-share index jumping 15·5 points to close at the 971·2 record.

British Telecom continued to forge ahead, the 50p-paid shares closed at a new peak of 111p.

The Government securities market also reflected satisfaction with the latest money supply trends.

Stockbrokers were saying last night that the economic news continues to be good. Profits and dividends are better than expected. Retail spending seems to be holding up well.

Moreover the investment institutions—pension funds and insurance companies and the like—have plenty of cash waiting to enter the stockmarket.

A further bullish factor is diminishing fears about the effects of the coal strike.

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Circus ring sermon by Waite

By JAMES ALLAN in Tripoli

THE Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, Terry Waite, made history yesterday in a circus ring in Tripoli, where he delivered a sermon aimed at helping to secure the release of the four Britons detained in Libya.

It was the first time any foreigner had been invited to address a Basic People's Congress, the backbone of Libya's system of democracy.

A licensed lay preacher, Mr Waite, had as his congregation several hundred Moslems who make up the Dahara Basic People's Congress, among the largest of the 2,000 in the country.

The congresses have been recommended by Col Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, to order the release of the four Britons in keeping with his promise to Mr Waite at their meeting in his headquarters in Tripoli on Christmas Day.

The Dahara Congress in the centre of the Libyan capital has duly called for the men's freedom though several speakers yesterday urged a reciprocal release of Libyans held in Britain and a halt to what they called hostile propaganda in the British media.

'Not by the gun'

In a 30-minute address translated into Arabic by an interpreter and broadcast live on Libyan television Mr Waite praised Libyan patriotism but stressed: "The way to deal with the enemy is not by the gun or bullet."

He promised that the Church of England would help Libyans in Britain who felt harassed or intimidated whether they were guilty or otherwise, and he discounted a wide-held belief in Libya that Libyans were being tortured in British prisons.

Among the delegates to speak before Mr Waite was invited to address the Congress was the mother of Ali Ahmed Musbah, 28, one of two Libyans whose Old Bailey trial on a charge of conspiring to cause explosions has been adjourned indefinitely at the defence's request.

Standing in the glare of Arc lights beneath a tented dome with a frieze of painted yellow elephants, Mr Waite reminded his Moslem audience that they

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SECRETARY TO PRINCE RESIGNS

Mr Edward Adeane, private secretary and treasurer to the Prince and Princess of Wales has resigned and will leave on March 31, Buckingham Palace announced last night.

Mr Adeane, 45, who has been with Prince Charles since 1979, has been appointed an extra equerry by the Prince. The Palace said his resignation had been received "with great regret." A successor has not yet been appointed.

Mr Adeane was formerly a leading libel lawyer, and it is thought he may return to the law. His father was the late Lord Adeane, private secretary to the Queen from 1953 to 1972, and his grandfather was Lord Stamfordham, private secretary to Queen Victoria and King George V.

CALLAGHAN HAS GALL BLADDER OPERATION

By Our Political Staff

Mr Callaghan, 72, the former Labour Prime Minister, was recovering in St Thomas's Hospital, Lambeth, yesterday after an operation to remove his gall bladder.

He was said by a hospital spokesman to be "very comfortable" and is expected to remain in the hospital for about two weeks, followed by a period of recuperation in which he will undertake no public engagements.

After visiting him, his wife Audrey said "I am glad to say he has come out of the operation very well. He is amazingly cheerful."

ESCAPEE CAUGHT

A 44-year-old prisoner who escaped from Dartmoor three weeks ago, was recaptured in Derby yesterday by a policeman out shopping during his lunch break. Barry Martin, who was wearing spectacles as a disguise, was recognised by Det Chief Insp Ron McAllister, who last saw him tens years ago.

Miners back at work at Kellingley, Yorkshire's biggest pit, where the cutting of coal was resumed for the first time yesterday.
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Rent-a-womb baby is ward of court

By JENNY SHIELDS

THE baby at the centre of the surrogate motherhood controversy was yesterday made a ward of court by a High Court judge in London.

The private application, made late in the afternoon, was granted by Judge MONIER WILLIAMS. It was not revealed who made it, and last night a spokesman for Barnet council, which obtained a place of safety order hours after the birth, said it had not applied.

It is understood that Mrs Barbara Manning, who runs the Surrogate Parenting Agency of Great Britain, which arranged the conception, had not approached the court either, but last night she was not available for comment at her home in Redhill, Surrey.

One possibility is that the Official Solicitor made the application on behalf of the baby.

The High Court is now the legal guardian of the five-day-old girl who was born to Mrs Ki McCotton, 28, for a childless couple who are believed to live in America.

The eight-day place of safety order which Barnet council obtained last Friday meant that the infant could not be moved from the Victoria Maternity Hospital in North London, where she was born.

But the wardship order, which takes effect at once, means that the High Court is now responsible for all decisions affecting the child.

Contempt of court

Barnet council's social services committee had been due to debate the matter at their meeting last night; but just before it was due to start Miss Leonie Cowen, chief legal adviser to the council, read a prepared statement.

"We have just been informed by a firm of solicitors that this child has been made a ward of court and therefore we will not be able to make any statement regarding this child; following our social would be in contempt of court."

Barnet council had applied to the Juvenile Court to determine the child's future, and a hearing had been set for Friday. It would have been the first test of the legality of commercial surrogacy in Britain.

Earlier yesterday Mr Clarke, Health Minister, said he believed it would be best for the baby to be united with her prospective parents, if they could give her a "loving home." He emphasised that this was a personal view.

PRINCESS'S PROGRESS 'IS EXCELLENT'

By JENNY SHIELDS

PRINCESS MARGARET is making excellent progress after her lung operation on Sunday a spokesman at the Brompton Hospital said yesterday.

The Princess spent the day resting and received no visitors, but Clarence House indicated that her two children, Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones and Viscount Linley, will probably see their mother some time today.

The Princess, who is 54, was seen by her doctors yesterday but it is still not known when she will be allowed home, although she is expected back at Kensington Palace within a week.

Sunday's operation — which was performed by Mr Matthias Pancth — involved removing part of the Princess's left lung. The tissue was found to be non-malign.

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RAIL STRIKE THREAT

By STEPHEN WARD Industrial Staff

A 24-HOUR rail strike has been called tomorrow week on London Midland and Eastern Regions.

Leaders of the National Union of Railwaymen and the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (Aslef) will meet today to plan exactly which depots will be called out and which trains affected.

The planned disruption is an attempt by the rail unions to tighten up their "blacking" of coal trains in support of the miners.

They are demanding that British Rail should stop moving coal through the Coalville freight depot in Leicestershire and are protesting at the alleged "continued harassment and victimisation" of railwaymen who have been taking action to support the miners in the Coalville and Worksop, Notts, areas.

Wide area

Although the Leicestershire coalfield has been working almost normally, it is only since Dec. 17 that British Rail has begun moving coal through Coalville, by bringing in signalmen willing to let coal trains through.

The area of the country covered by the two regions under threat stretches from the Scottish border down to East Anglia, including Essex, and as far as Banbury and Reading to the West. The London termini affected would be Liverpool Street, King's Cross, St Pancras, Euston, Marylebone and Fenchurch Street.

Previous one day stoppages called by the rail unions in support of other groups of workers, such as a TUC Day of Action in support of the health workers, have received only lukewarm support from members.

Biggest pit goes back — Back P; Other pit news—P2.

IRAQ'S GULF RAID

Two crew members were injured yesterday after an Iraqi missile attack on the 12,000-ton South Korean cargo ship Hanlim Mariner. A second vessel, the Panamanian Topaz Express, 14,495 tons, was damaged but no one was hurt.

Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Trough slow moving over North Sea with N. to N.W. airstream over all parts.

LONDON, MIDLANDS, CEN. S. ENGLAND: Early fog patches, mainly dry, sunny spells. Wind N.W. moderate. Max 37F (3C).

S.E. ENGLAND, E. ANGLIA: Fog patches clearing slowly, sunny intervals, wintry showers. Wind N.W., moderate. 36F (2C).

E., S.W., N. ENGLAND, CHANNEL IS., WALES, S.E. SCOTLAND: Sunny intervals, scattered showers, snow on high ground. Wind N., light or moderate. 41F (5C).

S. NORTH SEA: Wind W., force 4 or 5, veering N., decreasing 1-5. Sea moderate becoming smooth.

STRAIT OF DOVER, ENG. CH. (E): N.W. 4 or 5 decreasing 1-5. Moderate becoming smooth.

OUTLOOK: Snow showers in E. at first, otherwise mainly dry. Overnight frost, fog.

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Gromyko and Shultz agree to more talks

By DAVID ADAMSON Diplomatic Correspondent in Geneva

UNSMILING and looking tired, Mr Shultz, the American Secretary of State, and Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, left the American diplomatic mission in Geneva last night after concluding their talks about disarmament with an unscheduled session which lasted five hours and 20 minutes.

It is believed that they have agreed to hold a further meeting in two or three months' time.

A Soviet commentator Valentin Zorin, said the Geneva meetings had led to clarification of each side's position and would "facilitate the continuation of U.S.-Soviet dialogue."

Mr Schultz said nothing to reporters after the final session. Mr Gromyko's only words were: "My best wishes to you all."

Slow progress

The two men met for more than 14 hours during the two-day meeting in discussions on the framework for arms control negotiations embracing nuclear missiles and defensive weapons in space.

The original plan was for the talks to end at midday, but progress in resolving the complex issues involved seems to have been slow. Both Mr Shultz and Mr Gromyko are believed to have consulted directly with their capitals during yesterday afternoon's session.

MOSCOW VIEW

Further dialogue

NIGEL WADE reports from Moscow: The talks in Geneva would facilitate further dialogue, Soviet television said last night. It was too early to talk of results, said a report from Geneva, but clarification of positions would ase prospects for further talks.

World press attention given to the talks had allowed Moscow to put its positions across clearly. But some powerful American forces, the report said, remained opposed to any Soviet-American arms control agreements.

Soviet newspapers gave clipped, formal coverage yesterday to the start of the talks in Geneva.

Gen. HORROCKS DIES

Lieut-Gen Sir Brian Horrocks, the distinguished Corps Commander of the 1939-45 War who went on to become a television personality through his series on military history, has died aged 89.

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MORE SNOW FOR THE WEEKEND

FORECAST: Rather less cold.

By GUY RAIS

AS many parts of Britain shivered yesterday in the grip of snow, frost and ice weathermen forecast "more to come" at the weekend.

"A broad band of snow across the Midlands and the southern part of the north of England is gradually moving south," said a London Weather Centre spokesman. "After slightly warmer weather for a day or two it will again be bitterly cold, with more snow in places."

Britain's coldest place yesterday was Great Earton near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, where the temperature dipped to −17 deg. C.

The temperature rose to minus one degree C. in central London but elsewhere ice on ungritted roads made driving conditions extremely dangerous. Motoring organisations warned drivers to be careful as snow fell on roads already covered with hard-packed ice.

Plaster shortage

So many people were admitted with broken bones through slipping on ice in Hampshire yesterday that the accident and emergency unit at the Queen Alexandra Hospital, Cosham, ran out of plaster of Paris. The hospital called for fresh supplies from a neighbouring hospital.

There was heavy snow in Wales and the Midlands, causing several roads to be closed.

The death toll on the Continent reached about 80 yesterday, with sub-zero temperatures recorded from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean. The temperature was minus 59·5F (minus 50·7C) in the Lapp village of Salla, in Finland, claimed to be the lowest ever recorded. The sea between Denmark and Sweden froze over.

2,600 jobs to be axed by Michelin

By ROLAND GRIBBEN Business Correspondent

MICHELIN, the French-owned tyre manufacturer, yesterday announced that 2,600 people, almost 24 per cent, of its work force in Britain, are to lose their jobs less than two years after the company shed 4,000 workers.

The hardest hit area is Stoke-on-Trent where operations at a 58-year-old tyre-making factory are being sharply reduced with the loss of 2,400 jobs including those of 200 Michelin headquarters staff. At Burnley, Lancs, 200 people, a quarter of the work force, will be redundant.

The announcement of the cuts produced strong protests from local union leaders and Stoke MPs but Michelin executives made it clear there was little chance of a reprieve.

Mr Tom Ferguson, head of Michelin's manufacturing operations in Britain, said the company had lost more than £70 million in the 30 months up to the middle of last year. It made further, heavy losses in the six months up to the end of last month.

Michelin blames the slump in vehicle production in Britain, the loss of export markets and the failure to meet targets for the cut in its 11,000-strong work force.

The company plans to concentrate production in its three most modern plants, Dundee, which makes car tyres, Burnley (lorry tyres) and Mallymena, Northern Ireland.

The number of workers at Stoke will be cut from 5,700 to 3,300. Car tyre output will be reduced, lorry and cycle tyre production ended and more emphasis placed on providing semi-finished materials to the rest of the group.

The tyre industry in Britain has shrunk considerably because of lower demand, and the introduction of longer-lasting tyres, the number of workers has slumped from 50,000 to between 17,000 and 18,000 in just over 20 years.

More than 24,000 people—12·4 per cent. of the adult working population in Stoke—are already unemployed. The Michelin cuts will push the total to just under 14 per cent.

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STRIKER LOSES CLAIM FOR FAMILY AID

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

STRIKING miners who hoped to claim up to £20 a week in Family Income Supplement to support their families have had their hopes dashed by the Social Security Commissioners.

In a test case the commissioners have decided that Mr Geoffrey Lowe, a Staffordshire miner who has been on strike since last March, does not qualify for the payment.

If his claim had been granted it would have opened up the floodgate to claims for Family Income Supplement (F I S) by thousands of miners at a cost of several million pounds.

After five weeks on strike Mr Lowe and his wife claimed F I S and submitted details of Mrs Lowe's last five week's pay to the Department of Health and Social Security.

Under normal circumstances the department would have paid them a supplement of about £20 a week if this had been the family's only income.

But the department ruled that Mr Lowe's normal wages were those he was receiving before the miners' overtime ban began in October, 1983, and on the basis of that income the family did not qualify for the supplement.

Appeal tribunal

Mr Lowe took his case to an appeal tribunal which decided last August that the family's normal wages had now become those of his wife alone and that F I S should be awarded.

The department appealed to the Social Security Commissioners, the highest social security appeal tribunal, which has now ruled against Mr Lowe. The commissioners said that although Mr Lowe's earnings were nil at the date of his claim, it could not possibly be said that his normal income was nil.

Mr Michael Meacher, Shadow Social Services Secretary, said: "This is the most serious example yet in this mining dispute of the twisting of social security rules by Government agencies in order to starve the miners into submission."

NCB 'sack' list passes 500

By Our Industrial Staff

THE number of miners dismissed by the Coal Board during the pit strike for criminal offences or acts of "gross industrial misconduct" concerning the dispute has topped the 500 mark.

By early December sackings had reached 506 and this had risen since then, the board disclosed yesterday.

Officials have been taking an increasingly severe line with strikers convicted of violence or vandalism in an attempt to stamp out picket-line troubles.

Many of those sacked have been found guilty in court but some have been identified by the board's video surveillance systems at colliery premises. Dismissal letters are sent out by local pit managers.

The mineworkers' union has told many of those affected that it would take up their case when the strike is over. Mr Scargill has called for an amnesty as part of a final peace settlement.

Miners press union to reopen talks

By JOHN RICHARDS Industrial Correspondent

MINERS' leaders face two demands for initiatives in protest at Coal Board plans to cut output by four million tonnes with the loss of 20,000 jobs and 20 pit closures over the next 12 months, it emerged yesterday.

Lancashire miners are calling for a resumption of talks between the National Union of Mineworkers and the board.

Also, South Wales miners have a plan, drawn up by the Council of Churches in Wales and the Roman Catholic Church in the principality, for the setting up of an independent review body to examine the future of the coal industry and long-term energy policy.

With men at work in 148 of their 174 collieries, the Coal Board's back-to-work figures yesterday were:

Yorkshire, 87; Western Area, 56; South Wales, 6; Scotland, 107; South Midlands, 7; North East, 120; North Nottinghamshire, 7. Over a 24-hour period, the return in North Derbyshire was put at 133 men.

'Psychological boost'

More than 71,000 miners are now working out of a 189,000 workforce.

With 166 miners out of the 2,000 employed at the Yorkshire "flagship" mine, Kellingley, near Castleford, back at work, the first cutting of coal was seen as "a high psychological boost" by the board.

Mr Stanley Orme, Shadow Energy Secretary, visited Cortonwood colliery—the pit where a closure threat sparked the strike last March — and made a fresh appeal for talks between the union and the board to be resumed.

Unless there was a negotiated settlement, he said, the dispute could continue throughout 1985. "It would be a tragedy not only for the people in the industry and the mining communities but also for the British economy," he said.

A plough making heavy weather of clearing a country lane near Folkestone in Kent yesterday.

WINTER CHAOS ROW IN ROME

By LESLIE CHILDE in Rome

ROME'S Communist mayor yesterday defended himself against complaints about the way a few inches of snow plunged the city into three days' chaos.

As an esttimated 60 per cent. of civil servants and local government employees continue to stay away from their offices. Signor Ugo Vetero declared: "I agree it's a mess. But it's not a catastrophe."

Schools stayed closed for a second day throughout the Rome area as snow and sleet continued to fall. Less than 50 per cent. of buses were in service because there were not enough tyre chains to go round or sufficient quantity of sand and salt to clear the roads.

Taxis were almost impossible to find and car hire firms were providing chauffeur - driven vehicles for fees of up to £150.

Hungry rats

The snow caught the Communist city government so much by surprise that it had to import 100 tons of sand from the seaport of Livorno. A first division soccer game between Lazio and Milan at the Olympic Stadium had to be postponed for a day because rats had devoured the canvas sheets that could have protected the pitch.

Midday chill for Paris

By MICHAEL FIELD in Paris

PARIS hit a new record low temperature at midday yesterday, minus 8C. The previous record goes back to 1876, when it fell to 5 degree below zero.

The cold has killed 18 people in the last 48 hours. Police have been rounding up some of the city's 2,000 "clochards," or tramps, who sleep in the open, encouraging them to stay in shelters for the homeless which are remaining open 24 hours and not pushing their inmates on to the street after breakfast.

Joseph urged to find 49pc more teachers

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

SIR KEITH JOSEPH, Education Secretary, has been urged to sign an order that would allow for a 49 per cent. increase in the numbers trained as primary school teachers over the next four years.

The appeal, which comes from the Advisory Committee on the Supply and Education of Teachers, represents the committee's judgment of the staffing required for the Government's ambitious school policies.

The Committee also recommends that the number of secondary school teachers to be trained should be increased from next year.

It was forecast that, after a dip towards the end of this decade because of the drop in pupil numbers demand for secondary school teachers will rise again in the early 1990s.

Intake targets

The numbers recommended for admission to teacher training courses are:

Bachelor of Education (B Ed) and other undergraduate training courses for Primary Teachers: 1986, 7,150; 1987, 7,800; 1988, 8,450; 1989, 9,100.

Postgraduate Certificate in Education for Primary Teachers: 1986, 2,550; 1987, 2,950; 1988, 3,350; 1989, 3,750.

B Ed and other undergraduate training courses for Secondary Teachers: 1986, 2,175; 1987, 2,375; 1988, 2,575; 1989, 2,775.

In a letter to Sir Keith, Sir Clifford Butler, the Committee's chairman, said yesterday: "We . . . urge the Government to make additional allowance in their expenditure plans for higher education for intake targets in 1989 to reach a figure of 12,850 students—some 49 per cent. above the planned 1985 total of 8,620."

Sir Clifford added that even this figure would not prove enough. Teachers who have left the profession would probably have to be persuaded to return.

TEACHERS IN ULSTER FEAR PUPILS

By Our Education Correspondent

ATTACKS by pupils on teachers in the classroom and in the streets of Northern Ireland are forcing an increasing number of teachers to seek early retirement, according to the leader of one of the biggest teacher unions there.

Mr Tom McKee, regional organiser in Ulster of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Womens Teachers, said that assaults and intimdation by pupils were not so much caused by "the troubles" as by the late-night ivewing of "video nasties."

"Videos do have a terrible effect on youngsters. They can watch them at any time in their homes and then bring the effects into the classroom. Young people are also beginning to feel ever more insecure, even in the grammar schools," he said.

Stress factor

His union received up to 100 inquiries a year from members wishing to retire early as a direct result of stress in the classroom and outside it.

"There is physical assault and the threat of physical assault. Teachers are having their cars vandalised and are often threatened with what might happen to them later outside. Those living near their schools face taunts and baiting in the street," he said.

BA press for quick Laker settlement

By OUR BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH AIRWAYS is attempting to get trade creditors to settle claims against Laker Airways by offering terms that will give them at least half the amount they are owed.

About 50 of the major creditors are being sounded out by lawyers acting for B A and the other defendants in an anti-trust action brought by Mr Christopher Morris, the Laker liquidator.

The offer is believed to involve payment totalling 50 p.c. of the accepted claims and 20 p.c. of the balance.

The lawyers are seeking a quick response and the group of 12 who include British Caledonian, Pan American and T W A as well as B A, are hopeful of getting a favourable response.

One creditor said yesterday: "A bird in the hand is better than two in the bush."

Civil action

The overtures are aimed at strengthening the hand of the defendants in negotiations with Mr Morris over an out of court settlement.

Mr Morris has started a civil action in the United States claiming that the 12 conspired to force Laker out of business. He is claiming damages that could total $1 billion (£870 million).

The offer is so far limited to trade creditors and does not include the banks or the 14,000 Laker ticket holders who were stranded when the airline went into liquidation. They are claiming £4 million.

B A is anxious to get a quick settlement in the Laker action to clear one of the main hurdles in the way of privatisation. Merchant banking advisers have warned that without a settlement B A is unsaleable.

May or June is now regarded as the earliest flotation data for the State airline

TILBURY OPENS NEW TERMINAL

By Our Shipping Correspondent

RUSSIAN and Polish ships will be the main users of a smart new terminal for cruise liners opened by the Port of London Authority at Tilbury yesterday at a cost of £200,000.

But with the opening of the M25 motorway round London, which serves Tilbury, the port hopes to draw British and other cruise operators back to the Thames.

"We can take cruise liners of any size and the new terminal is to give visitors a betetr first impression of Britain," said the authority.

The terminal is at Tilbury Riverside landing stage, where the old one was like an unwelcoming barn. The new one has an attractive lounge for passengers as well as facilities for customs, immigration and shipping line formalities.

Russian cruise liners seeking hard currency by selling holidays to British tourists now provide the bulk of the business at the landing stage, which is in use by passenger ships on about 100 days a year.

JOB PLEA BY SMALL FIRMS

By Our Business Correspondent

REMOVAL of restrictions on small firms would help reduce unemployment and enable Britain to match some of the job creation successes achieved in the United States, says a report out today.

Forty measures, mainly aimed at benefiting firms employing under 20 people, are outlined in the study produced by the Adam Smith Institute.

The Institute estimates that unemployment could drop by two million if each small business hired one extra worker as a result of implementing the proposed reforms.

The report, entitled the "Job Creation Machine," rejects calls for public works programmes to create more jobs and argues that greater freedom for entrepreneurs will do more to cut dole queues.

The institute's package is published as Mr Michael Grylls, chairman of the Conservative's Small Business Centre, prepares to introduce a Private Members' Bill in the Commons to get government departments to do more to encourage small companies.

Dr Madsen Pirir, Institute president, said that de-regulation and tax reduction, not deficit spending, had turned the American small business sector into a job creation machine.

Small firms were mainly responsible for the creation of 20 million jobs in the United States in the 10 years to 1983.

Tax changes

The Institue suggests a range of tax changes, including the ending of employers' national insurance contributions for firms with under 20 employees and raising the Value Added Tax threshold to £100,000 to improve the climate forsmall businessmen.

It also wants them exempted from the provisions of the Employment Protection Act, a streamlined planning system introduced, exemption from Training Board levies and changes in Inland Revenue rules discriminating against the self-employed.

The report says that exercises in job creation with public funds are counter-productive, expensive, short-lived and deprive the private sector of resources. For every 100 public sector subsidised jobs, 140 private jobs would disappear.

The Government could afford to send unemployed eople to villas in Spain on pensions for the rest of their lives on the interest on money spent on job subsidies.

The report says: "The procedures which we require a person to undergo if they wish to set up a business in Britain from what amounts to an obstable course.

"Even for a small business to expand and meet market opportunities by taking on extra labour, it constitutes a tortuous process full of pitfalls.

(Job Creation Machine, Adam Smith Institute, P.O. Box 316, London SW1. £5·80).

250 JOBS AT DEPOT LINKED TO SAINSBURY

By Our Transport Correspondent

The biggest investment ever made on one site by the worker-owned National Freight Consortium yesterday brought the opening of a £12,500,000 depot on a 15-acre depot at Yate, near Bristol, to deliver supplies to 40 Sainsbury stores.

It will be run by the British Road Services subsidiary, have a fleet of 40 vehicles and stock 5,000 Sainsbury lines worth £7 million. It is to employ 250 people.

Since denationalisation, the N F C has expanded rapidly, including setting up and operating similar depots for Kellogg's, Spillers, Mars, and Pedigree Petfoods. Every £1 which workers put into shares less than three years ago is now worth £8·60.

Today in Parliament

HOUSE OF COMMONS

2.30: Shipbuilding Bill, 2nd rdg: New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Bill, rmng stages; Mineral Workings Bill, rmng stages.

SDP campaign to halt union funding of Labour party

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

A CAMPAIGN aimed at depriving the Labour party of much of its monetary support from trade unions, and ultimately at reforming the whole system of political financing, was launched yesterday by the S D P.

Most union members no longer support Labour, it was claimed.

Yet, under the present system, about 82 per cent. of money paid into trade union political funds goes to Labour.

The S D P called on unions to ballot members not only on the retention of political funds, as they must do by law before April, 1986, but on how the contents of the funds should be applied.

Mrs Shirley Williams, S D P president, has written to union general secretaries calling on them to hold twin secret ballots, covering both the use of politically designated funds and the continuation of such funds.

About 50 unions are affiliated to the Labour party and the proceeds of their political levies, paid through the political funds, constitute about 80 per cent. of the party's income.

Fragile finances

Subjecting the continuation of that process to the decision of a rank-and-file vote would, as the S D P realises, put Labour's already fragile finances at grave risk—which is why union leaders are unlikely to heed the call.

If this is the case, Mrs Williams says her party will retaliate by actively campaigning against the continuation of political funds, sending missions to individual trade union conferences later this year with that aim in mind.

Counsel's opinion, taken by the SDP, shows, she said, that there is no need for unions to have political funds to carry out normal trade union lobbying and campaigning activities on behalf of members.

Arguments levelled by union leaders that without political funds the movement would be politically impotent were a smoke-screen.

"Our advice is that it is a fraudulent claim," she said. Money for projects, such as the campaign to restore unions to the GCHQ spy centre or against rate-capping, could quite legitimately come from general union funds.

Only those objectives aimed primarily at promoting a particular party required the use of politically designated resources.

Reform overdue

Mrs Williams said that in the past nine years Labour's share of trade unionists' votes had fallen from 71 per cent. to 41 per cent. Against that background, the SDP felt reform was overdue.

In her letter to the unions she says the S D P believes changes should be "even-handed and fair." She adds: "We also believe that companies should only be entitled to make contributions to political parties if they obtain the prior approval of a majority of their shareholders."

Mr Roy Grantham, general secretary of the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex) called Mrs Williams's view "grossly hypocritical in view of her consistent acceptance of money from the Apex political fund."

Sour grapes

Mr Bill Keys, chairman of the Trades Union Co-ordinating Committee, said it was "yet another S D P cop-out."

"With the Government attempting to 'con' trade unionists into voting away their right to campaign, all the S D P can contribute is more sour grapes."

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport Workers, described it as "attempting to make cheap political capital out of a serious issue in a statement that could have been written by Conservative Central Office."

The co-ordinating committee comprises 50 unions and was set up in September to persuade trade unionists to vote in favour of maintaining union political funds when ballots become compulsory in the year from March 31 as a result of the Trade Union Act, 1984.

Two unions defy TUC on secret ballot cash

By STEPHEN WARD Industrial Staff

TWO moderate trade unions remained defiant yesterday in the face of T U C pressure to stop them taking Government money for secret ballots.

T U C policy forbids unions accepting money for elections of officials, and for secret ballots before strikes, but the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union has already said it intends to apply, while the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers is balloting its members to ask if thay want to take the money for electing officials.

Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the EEPTU, was called to meet a T U C team led by Mr Norman Willis, general secretary, to explain why it was breaking the rules, and to be warned that it faced possible expulsion from the TUC.

Neither side had any comment after the meeting, but no further talks are planned, and it is understood that the union explained it would not be changing its stance.

The entire national executive of the A U E W is to meet the T U C soon to explain its position, and was adament yesterday it would not be deflected by the T U C's opposition, or the threat of suspension.

After an executive meeting, Mr Terry Duffy, president, said he was very optimistic that his union members would vote to accept Government money.

The rest of the T U C unions should follow the A U E W's example and take more account of what members wanted, he said.

"The reason that there's been an exodus from the Labour party and the labour movement is that we've failed to consult our members."

'T U C the losers'

If, as expected, the A U E W members decided in favour of accepting Government money, "we hope the T U C would not be so naive as to take action against us.

"We'll not be discouraged from doing what we know is right," he said.

If the A U E W were to be expelled, the T U C would be the loser. "We're the givers to the T U C," he said.

The result of the A U E W ballot of its members will be known on Jan. 31. Unions wanting to accept Government money have to apply by Feb. 5.

The A U E W and E E P T U between them comprise about 13 per cent. of T U C membership, and contribute proportionately to its income.

Last Sizewell evidence on Day 306

By JOHN SHAW

THE marathon Sizewell B inquiry heard its final evidence yesterday when it considered the safety of the controversial pressurised water reactor the Central Electricity Generating Board wants to build on the Suffolk coast.

Mr Bx)3fl G1x1'₅fi, project director, told the hearing he was confident the board would be able to satisfy the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, the official safety "watchdog" over the safety of the £1·2 billion reactor by October.

He was answering questions on outstanding safety issues between the board and the inspectorate on Day 306.

MR PAUL WOODS, deputy chief inspector for the inspectorate, said that obtaining safety clearance might take until the beginning of 1986.

The board was now much better organised in dealing with the safety of the reactor following its decision to reorganise the project management of the scheme, the first of its kind in Britain.

The inquiry was entering its third year in session at Snape Maltings, near Aldeburgh where it began in January, 1983. Safety is a key area. When the hearing opened there were nearly 80 safety issues unresolved.

Almost threequarters of them have now either been cleared or are close to solution. Included in this tally are all six major safety questions which the board at one point feared might involve drastic design changes or heavy additional costs.

The inspectorate has major reservations on only two outstanding issues; the reliability of the steam generators, part of the reactor's primary circuit, and the detailed design of the computer system which will monitor the reactor's safety systems, a prototype of which will not be built until 1986.

The board is confident it will be able to provide enough information on both these matters within the next three or four months.

Although delays in obtaining a safe bill of health have proved embarrassing, the board has been cheered by a definitive report from America, just published, which says the amount of radioactivity which could be released during a severe nuclear reactor accident is much less than previously estimated.

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SACKED RABBI PART OF JEWISH COMEDY ACT

THE RABBI sacked for cracking risque jokes from the pulpit was one half of a cabaret duo called Mazel and Tov, a Yiddish phrase meaning congratulations, an industrial tribunal in London was told yesterday.

The comedy act played synagogues and were occasionally booked to perform at barmitzvahs and wedding receptions, said Mr JONATHAN WHYCER, chairman of the Southgate Progressive Synagogue Council.

He understood that Rabbi CLIFFORD COHEN and his partner had considered touring America.

Mr Whycer, for many years a personal friend of the 36-year-old rabbi, said that Mr Cohen's view of a rabbi's role differed sharply from that of his flock.

Rabbi Cohen, sacked by the synagogue in February last year after nine years service following allegations of failure to visit sick members, seeks reinstatement and alleges unfair dismissal.

"Rabbi Cohen always has been very committed to the concept of a rabbi being primarily a teacher and almost exclusively involved in matters of religion," Mr Whycer said.

"The expectation of a synagogue community is that a rabbi should have a very similar role to that of a parish priest."

But when this was suggested to him at a discussion about his role at Mr Whycer's house, Rabbi Cohen stormed out saying: "I am not taking any more of this crap."

When he finally received his letter of dismissal, he was said to have angrily vowed to "take the synagogue for every penny it has."

Earlier Mrs IRENE RONDALLE, a member of the synagogue council, told the hearing that Rabbi Cohen often displayed "great disrespect" for the council.

'Life after death'

Several times he had quipped that the council was "proof that there was life after death."

Opening his case, Rabbi Cohen, who graduated from Leicester University with a sociology degree in 1970, said he saw his work as a profession rather than a vocation. Simply being a Jew was a vocation in itself.

Too few attempts had been made to discuss with him complaints about his behaviour and allow him to answer them.

"Time and again complaints were relayed to me. They were not investigated. We have heard complaints against me which were kept from me deliberately," he said.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

Brooke Matthews arriving with her mother at the National Heart Hospital.

TESTS ON ROBBER'S DAUGHTER

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD girl whose father turned to armed robbery to pay for her lifesaving heart and lung transplant, was examined yesterday by Mr Magdi Yacoub, the heart transplant surgeon, to assess her suitability for the operation.

A spokesman for National Heart Hospital, where the examination was held, said that Mr Yacoub had asked the girl to return with her mother next week for further tests before a decision could be made.

The plight of Brooke Matthews, from Australia, became known last month when her father, Robert held up a hamburger bar in Melbourne after being told she had only months to live.

Facing trial

He is now facing trial for the attempted robbery but well wishers have raised the money to send Brooke and her mother Deborah, 26, to London and to pay for the operation.

If she is accepted for a transplant, Brooke would be the youngest person in Britain to be given a new heart and lungs.

Assuming she is put on the waiting list and donor organs become available, the operation will probably be carried out at Harefield Hospital, Middlesex, where Mr Yacoub normally carries out heart transplants.

Highs and lows of a balloonist

A LEADING hot air balloonist was fined £100 yesterday for low flying over a housing estate.

GRAHAM TURNBULL, a professional balloon pilot, was controlling a 70-ft tall promotions balloon when it buzzed houses on a residential estate in Doncaster, Yorkshire.

A married couple opened their bedroom window to see the multi-coloured balloon heading straight for them, Doncaster magistrates were told.

Mr Bernard Troth, 53, was in bed when he heard the noise of the balloon's burner, looked out of the window and saw it heading apparently straight for his semi-detached house, Mr JOHN MCQUATER, prosecuting, said.

"According to Mr Troth, the basket, which had a number of people in it, was no more than 25 feet from the ground and it clipped the top of a laburnum tree in his garden before continuing on its way."

The following day the balloon drifted across the estate at the same altitude.

When questioned Turnbull said that on both occasions he had taken off from the ICI sports ground about half a mile away.

He explained he was concerned that if he had tried to gain altitude too quickly he might have caused some damage to the fabric of the balloon, but insisted there had been no danger to persons or property.

Turnbull, of Hardy Meadow, Grassington, North Yorkshire, admitted two charges of contravening the Civil Aviation Acts last June.

Mr NEIL GOODRUM, defending, said the case was very unusual. "It could easily be misinterpreted as some form of recklessness on Mr Turnbull's part. But it wasn't like that at all.

PIN-UPS DOWN

"Girlie" calendars and pin-up posters are to be ripped down from offices of a Left-wing Labour council. Greenwich is to replace them with posters of campaigns it is mounting and views of local historic buildings.

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SAGA OVER 60 AND GOING PLACES

600,000 villas fraud denied by director

By IAN HENRY Old Bailey Correspondent

MORE than 200 people were caught in a £600,000 swindle when they sought to buy Spanish holiday homes from a "seller of dreams," Mr MICHAEL SAYERS, prosecuting, said at the Old Bailey yesterday.

The buyers were expecting fully-finished villas in Tenerife which slept eight and were in a club setting with pools and tennis courts.

But Mr Sayers said their money did not produce a single villa, one bucket of concrete or even a plug for a swimming pool.

The money was syphoned off by ALEXANDER GRANT, 52, director of the sales company, for himself, his wife and a business partner, the jury was told.

The victims were of modest means including retired people and many lost their life savings by the confidence trick, it was said.

Charges denied

Grant, of Pembridge Road, Notting Hill, denies conspiring to defraud investors between June 1978, and May 1982. He also denies stealing £15,300 from one investor, Mr Cyril Smith.

Mr Sayers said: "He was a seller of dreams and there were many people eager and willing to buy those dreams."

Even after his firm, Axair Ltd, crashed, another called Key Instant was said to have risen like a phoenix from the ashes to attract new investors.

Mr Sayers said Grant's firm advertised widely and supplied brochures which described the villas, for sale at £4,950. Buyers were advised that the price would be increased if they did not act swiftly.

69 branches claim

The company, which boasted 69 branches worldwide but in reality was run from a rented office in Pall Mall and then from Grant's basement home, said the properties were a sound investment and would produce an income from lettings as well as giving the owners free holidays for the rest of their lives.

When the company was about to collapse, said Mr Sayers, there was an angry meeting of creditors at the Royal Lancaster Hotel in Bayswater, where Grant promised to put £170,000 of his own money into the venture to give "new confidence." As a result the company carried on, but none of his money materialised.

The trial was adjourned until today.

EYES 'TALK' FOR VICTIM OF STROKE

A WOMAN in her early thirties who is paralysed and able to move only her eyes has been given new hope—through a computer.

Mrs Jane Thornhill, who was left helpless after a stroke, has learnt to communicate by using her eyes. Through sensors, she selects letters which flash up on a computer screen to spell out words, phrases and messages.

Mrs Thornhill, a mother-of-two, was able to write Christmas cards to her family and labels for their presents using a programme developed by a team at St George's Hospital, Lincoln.

Now programmes are being designed to help her to operate lights, the television and other domestic appliances.

Story of hope

Dr Peter Griffiths of the hospital's medical physics team, said: "We decided to look into the possibilities of communicating with Jane through her eyes. Now she talks with them through the computer to her husband and family.

"We can see the concept being extended in many ways. It is unbelievable that someone with no technical background could have accepted the system so easily.

"Hers is a story of hope and the work we are doing is leading us down a path where eventually communication for many people like Jane will be a reality. It is one of the best things since the wheel-chair."

Mrs Thornhill lost none of her intelligence, but without the computer she could not have expressed her thoughts. It is expected she will remain in hospital for some time.

'OPEN SKY' PLAN FOR AIR CARGO SERVICES

The Civil Aviation Authority published proposals yesterday aimed at letting British airlines on a two-year trial basis, start passenger, cargo or mail services on many domestic routes without the need for specific air transport licensing approval.

These "open sky" proposals which were foreshadowed in the authority's report on airline competition policy published last July, will be subject to a public hearing.

Heathrow and Gatwick are excluded from the move because of constraints on capacity. The Channel Islands are also excluded and the CAA is ready to add other crucial air links to the list of exclusions to protect them from "cowboy" carriers.

RAIDER CUTS OFF WOMAN'S FINGER

By A Dublin Correspondent

A 66-year-old woman's finger was cut off when she refused to give money to a masked raider who burst into her home yesterday.

Mrs Mary Neff, of Farranree, Cork, was taken to hospital but doctors were unable to sew back the finger.

JOB APPLICANT TOLD: TAKE DOLE MONEY

Disciplinary action is to be taken against a hospital employee who told a job applicant that he was better off on on social security.

Mr Barry Hodgson, 51, applied to Sherwood Hospital, Nottingham, for a vacancy as a £60-a-week domestic assistant. He was asked in a handwritten postscript to the formal rejection letter: "Do you realise you would not be earning as much as on DHSS?"

Mr Hodgson, of Tiverton Close, Hucknall, said: "I think it is an insult to a man's dignity who wants to go to work. I think I would have been much better off in the job at the hospital."

DRIVER BANNED FOR FIVE YEARS

A driver whose breath test showed he was five times over the legal alcohol limit was jailed for a month and disqualified from driving for five years at Highbury magistrates' court yesterday.

Peter Timothy Lyons, 33, unemployed, of Cyprus Street, Stretchford, Manchester, was said to have 169 micrograms of alcohol in his breath after he was stopped in Camden Town. Lyons, who pleaded guilty, was allowed bail pending an appeal against the sentence but was ordered not to drive.

DRIVING LESSONS ON THE RATES

A teenager living in a foster home is to be given driving lessons on the rates. Mid Glamorgan social services are to meet the £94 cost of lessons and a driving licence for the 17 year-old to help his job prospects.

Mr Dennis Davies, Social Services Director, said: "our duties are to act like any individual parent and learning to drive will help him to become more independent."

ESCAPE CHARGE DROPPED

A charge against two men and two women of assisting two men to escape from Harrow police station was withdrawn at Harrow Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Stephen Dundon, 35, and his wife Gillian, 32, both of Willows, Cherry Tree Road, Farnham Common, Slough; JOHN COLEMAN DIGBY, 37, of Wimborne Avenue, Hayes, and BARBARA EVELYN HUNT, 39, of Clyford Road, Ryslip Gardens, Middlesex, were awarded costs from central funds.

RAIL PASSENGERS ESCAPE CRASH

Two London-bound commuter trains collided near Dartford, Kent, yesterday. One train was derailed but no-one was hurt.

A British Rail spokesman said both train drivers were being questioned and signalling equipment at the scene was being examined.

MURDER CHARGE

A woman was charged yesterday with the murder of Mrs Doreen Smith, 55, village postmistress, at Thriplow, Cambridgeshire, on Oct. 5 last year. Mrs Maureen Cottage, of Bar Lane, Stapleford, was remanded in custody for three days after appearing before Cambridge magistrates.

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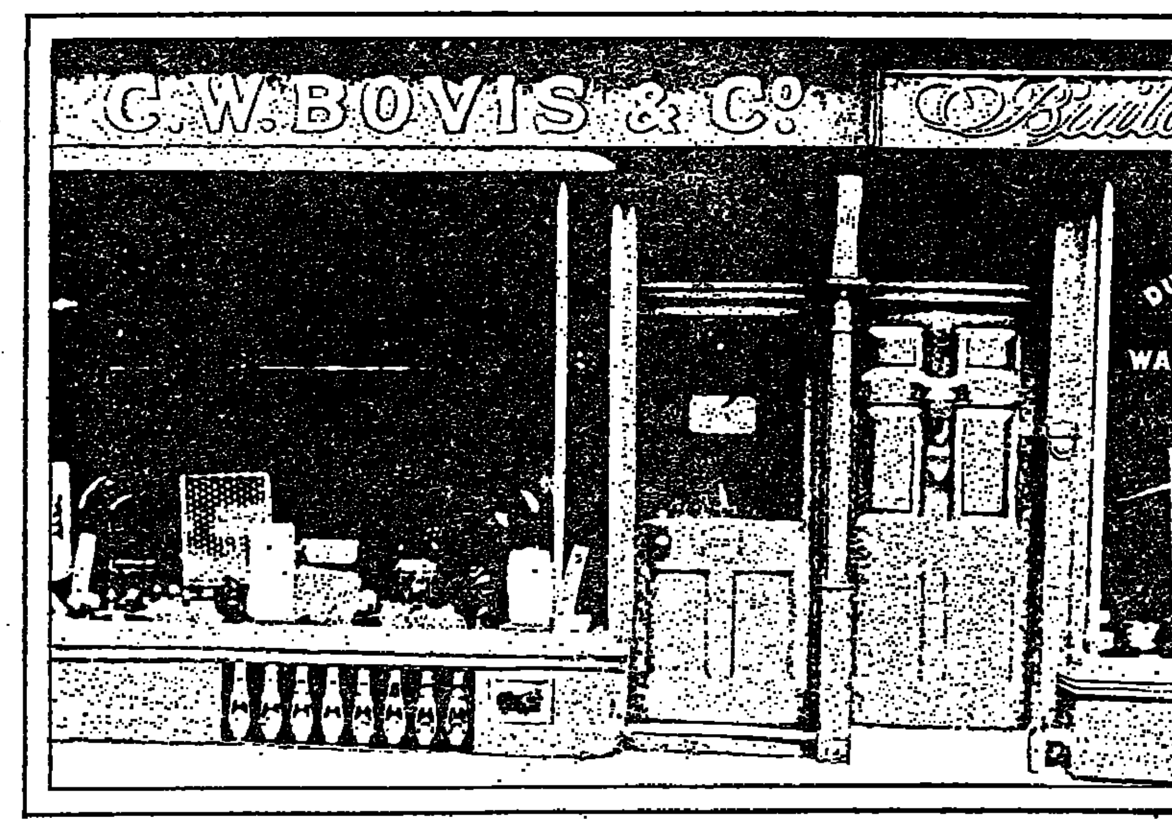

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2 OF REAGAN'S KEY MEN SWITCH POSTS

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

PRESIDENT REAGAN took the politicians of Washington and the bankers of Wall Street by surprise yesterday by announcing that his White House Chief of Staff, Mr James Baker, and his Treasury Secretary, Mr Donald Regan, were switching jobs.

Mr Reagan went to the White House Press room to give the news personally. He praised both men for their loyalty during his first term, said their desire for a change of job was understandable, and declared that each was "extremely well suited" to his new assignment.

The move means that Mr Reagan will lose the last *member of the close-knit* group of trusted advisers, made up of Mr Baker, Mr Edwin Meese and Mr Michael Deaver, with which he surrounded himself in the White House at the start of his Presidency.

Mr Meese, the White House Counsellor, has been nominated as the new Attorney-General, *while Mr Deaver announced last* week that he is resigning as Deputy Chief of Staff to return *to private life.*

It was known for some time that Mr Baker was interested in a Cabinet post, and Mr Regan had always said he probably would remain as Treasury Secretary for only one term.

Conservatives unlucky

Their swapping of jobs is unlikely to lead to any significant changes in policy, either at the Treasury or in the White House.

The conservatives in the Republican party are unlikely to be pleased. They had hoped that one of their ideological colleagues, such as Mr William Clark, the departing Interior Secretary, would be in line for the Chief of Staff position.

Mr Baker was always considered to be far too moderate for their taste, and Mr Regan, while being regarded as a bit more to the Right than Mr Baker, is not expected to be of much help to them.

Mr Baker can be expected to follow through on the economic policies put in place by Mr Regan, including pursuit of the tax reform programme and budgetary matters.

Mr Regan, a former head of the Wall Street brokerage house of Merill Lynch, will be a steady and pragmatic adviser on all aspects of domestic and foreign policy to Mr Reagan, according to political sources.

Mr Regan's assumption of the Chief of Staff position also means that this avenue has been closed to another Brightwinger, Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, who is resigning as Ambassador to the United Nations.

But she is due to have a talk with Mr Reagan after his *inauguration on Jan. 21, and* informants say there is still a *chance that she may be offered another post.*

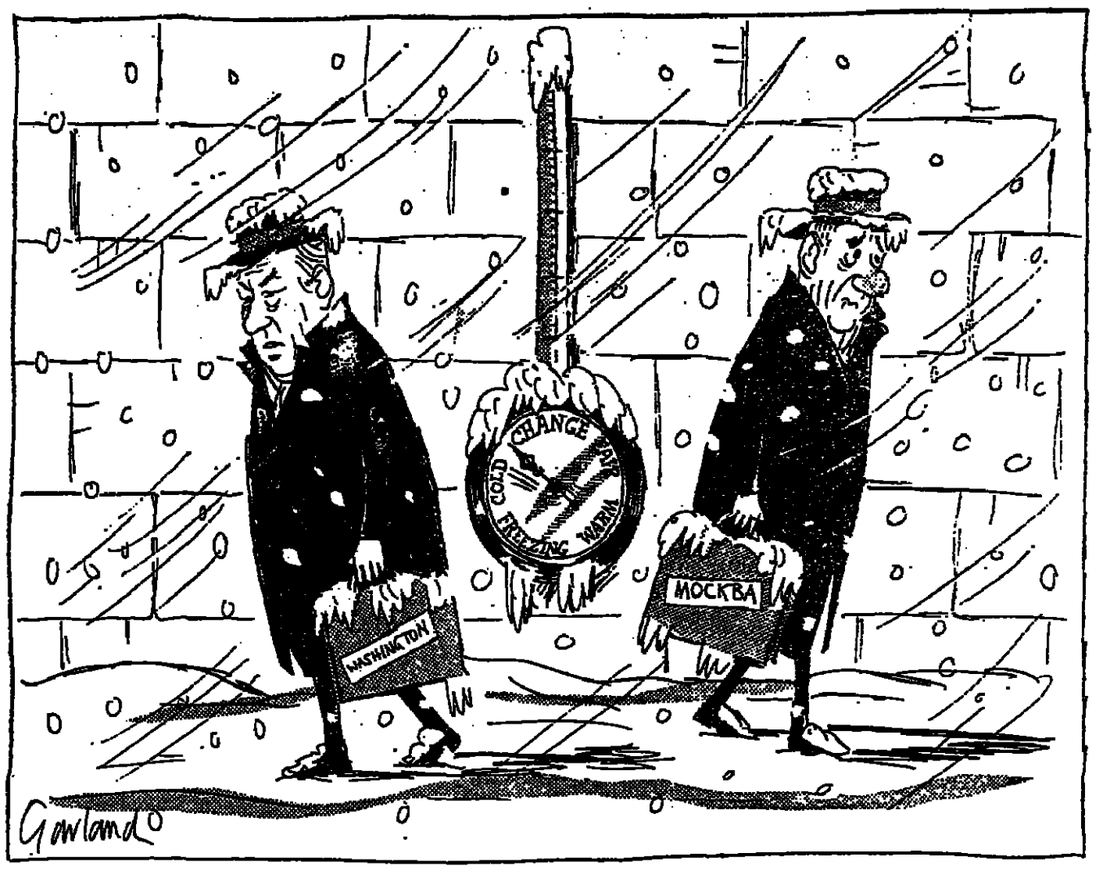
President's aloofness

The sequence of events leading to the switch in jobs by Mr Baker and Mr Regan throws intriguing light on just how aloof Mr Reagan manages to remain from the mechanics of government.

The move was initiated by Mr Regan last week. He went to Mr Baker and proposed that they swap jobs. But, said Mar *Regan, he did not want the* Chief of Staff post if Mr Deaver wanted it.

Mr Deaver was brought into the discussion and made it plain he was not interested in staying on at the White House, even as Chief of Staff. He is expected to take a highly-paid job with a public relations firm.

Once Mr Deaver had taken himself out of the picture, Mr Regan and Mr Baker put their proposal to Mr Reagan on Monday morning. In the afternoon, Mr Reagan gareed to the switch.



PRIEST HIT WITH STICK

By Our Diplomatic Staff

A POLISH security police captain yesterday described how he twice beat Father Jerzy Popieluszko unconscious before the kidnapped pro-Solidarity priest died.

Grzegorz Piotrowski, who is alleged to have led Popieluszko's murder, told Torun Provincial Court that the killing was a catastrophe and claimed it was never intended.

Piotrowski, who took the witness stand on the seventh day of the trial, claimed that while he was "absolutely convinced that there was approval from the top" at the time of the killing on Oct. 19, he now realised he had no basis for such an assumption.

Both Lieutenants Waldemar Chmielewski and Leszek Pekala, who testified earlier in the trial, have changed signed statements they gave to police interrogators.

Claims retracted

All three men charged with the murder of Father Popieluszko, 37, have now retracted claims that they had firm evidence of "ministerial level" complicity in the plot to kidnap and intimidate the priest.

Piotrowski said that when Popieluszko's car was stopped, Chmielewski took the priest's driver, Waldemar Chrostowski, to the unmarked police vehicle while he dealt with the priest.

"I beat him with a stick and then I hit him again," he told the court. "I hit him at least twice, perhaps three times. It's difficult to remember. It might even have been four. After the last blow, Popieluszko fell to the ground."

He added: "This was the *start of the whole catastrophe.* I don't know how it happened. Chmielewski brought string and I remember that, somehow, I tied Jerzy Popieluszko's hands. I have a memory that I put something in his mouth. He did not move."

Earlier Piotrowski appeared to be giving conflicting evidence when he recalled a conversation he had before the murder with Col Adam Pietruszka, charged with instigating the murder, and Gen. Zenon Platek, head of the Interior Ministry's church monitoring department, suspended from duties since the murder.

He quoted Pietruszwa as saying: "I don't have to tell you comrade that this decision (to kidnap Popieluszko) comes from the highest level."

He said Pietruszka then made a sign above his head to indicate that his superiors had ordered him to act against the priest.

Piotrowski said Col Pietruszka and Gen Platek wanted to silence Father Popieluszko and Father Stanislaw Malkowski, another pro-Solidarity priest.

"I knew the actions were illegal, but I agreed to an illegal activity . . . a smaller evil necessary to stop a larger evil," said Piotroski.

"I now believe the deed became a political provocation, but it certainly was not intended as such."

The trial was adjourned until today.

Ethiopian airlift will continue, says Peres

By MAJER ASHER in Jerusalem

ISRAEL'S Prime Minister, Mr Peres, yesterday accepted responsibility for a news conference last Thursday which critics in Jerusalem blamed for the sudden halt of the airlift of Ethiopian Jews.

But he told the Knesset: "The immigration will continue."

Mr Peres was trying to persuade two Opposition parties, the Right-wing Tehiya and the Left-wing Citizens' Right party to withdraw their no-confidence motion in connection with the Ethiopian "blunder."

Mr Peres said that last Thursday he had been informed that what was to be a secret airlift of the entire Ethiopian Jewish community to Israel had received worldwide publicity. He authorised the news conference to put the facts "in a correct perspective."

"The humanitarian operation" of saving the hunger-stricken Ethiopian Jews should not have been veiled in secrecy were it not for "the ugly anger" of the Arab States which tried to foil it, he said.

New difficulties

Mr Peres said that despite new difficulties, Israel would bring out the remaining 12,000 Jews in the famine-stricken *Horn of Africa. Some 4,000* were caught waiting in camps for the completion of the airlift, according to the Jewish Agency, which co-ordinates immigration to Israel.

The clandestine operation over two months came to an abruot halt on Saturday after details were publicised around the world.

Sudan, a member of the Arab League, denied any involvement in the airlift and Ethiopia's Marxist government, which has no ties with Israel, has condemned it.

To the Ethiopian Jews left behind, Mr Peres promised: "Never has a Jew knocked on a Jewish door and been refused help."

Contrasting Israel's efforts on behalf of the Jews with the Arab attitude towards the Palestinians he said: "With one day's income from the oil the Arabs would rescue all the Palestinian refugees. But they have done nothing."

DISCLOSURE FAVOURS SHARON

By IAN BALL in New York

A KEY section of a TIME magazine report that is the basis of Gen. Sharon's $50,000,000 (more than £43,000,000) libel suit was contradicted yesterday by a hitherto secret Israeli report declassified *for the trial.*

The TIME cover story said the report contained information that Gen. Sharon had discussed revenge with Lebanese Phalangists just before the massacre of Palestinians in two Beirut refugee camps in 1982.

But a former President of the Israeli Supreme Court, Yitshak Kahan, has notified Judge Abraham Sofaer, who is conducting the case in New York Federal Court, that the report does not support the contention in the TIME article.

Lawyers for both TIME and Gen. Sharon were permitted access to the declassified report in Jerusalem while Judge Kahan, who headed the Israeli commission of inquiry into the deaths of hundreds of Palestinian civilians in the refugee camps, was asked to reply to three written questions on the report's contents.

There was nothing in the secret documents, he advised the New York court, to support TIME's claim about revenge.

The New York judge wsa conferring with both sides yesterday to decide whether to present the Israeli report to the jury when the protracted libel trial resumes today.

But a new dispute was in the making. Time Inc. said it "strenuously" objected to Israeli limitations on how many documents were to be examined. "We have been denied potentially crucial information," the magazine stated.

MOVE TO SEAL OFF AFGHANS

By M. AFTAB in Islamabad

FIGHTING in the Afghan province of Herat, close to Iran, had cost more than 200 dead and injured. Western diplomatic despatches received in Islamabad from Kabul said yesterday.

Sources said that Herat remained a "complete headache" for the Russians, although Soviet occupation of Afghanistan was now in its sixth year.

Meanwhile 7,000 Soviet troops were said to have moved into the Rabat area of Kabul province, where its borders meet those of Pakistan and Iran. This is seen as a move to inhibit the supply route said to be used by the Islamic resistance.

The dead and wounded in Herat province were said to include 90 Afghan-regime torps and officials of the dreaded Afghan secret service, Khad, 45 Russians and 100 civilians.

Several clashes of the Islamic resistance with Soviet troops and Afghan-regime soldiers had taken place over the last five weeks, Western diplomats said.

The Russians vented their revenge on civilians when they assaulted the Se-Ans-Han village to flush out and kill members of the riststance but found these had escaped.

In Panjshir valley, the resistance stronghold, north of Kabul, the resistance attacked an Afghan military post and killed 16 soldiers, according t osources.

From Kabul it was reported that a Soviet armoured vehicle smashed into a crowded passenger lorry in the last week of December. Eyewitnesses said 13 lorry passengers were killed.

Central America peace talks please Kinnock

By IAN BRODIE in Mexico City

MR KINNOCK, making *first foray into Central* America, said yesterday he was greatly encouraged to discover that the Contadora peace plan was not a stalemated as widely believed.

The Labour leader said in Mexico City that he had learned of talks which had been quietly pursued at a bilateral level with various countries by Senor Bernardo Sepulveda, the Mexican Foreign Minister, who had brought him up to date.

Over the last two years, the Contadora group of Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Panama has bee ntrying to resolve the conflicts engulfing the American-backed governments of Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador and the Soviet-backed Sandinastas in Nicaragua.

A draft peace treaty last September, calling for democrati elections and an end to foreign military intervention, was surprisingly endorsed by the Sandinistas but rejected by Honduras and El Salvador which doubted their sincerity.

Mr Kinnock said Mexico was determined to keep Contadora alive. Nor were the Sandinistas adopting a "dog in the manger" attitude but also saw the need for progress.

Senor Sepulveda was moderately optimistic that a second round of negotiations could begin and the Contadora foreign ministers will meet on the island of Contadora in Panama today.

Mr Kinnock said he thought the Mexican minister's optimism was well placed, "but I don't think anyone is looking through rose-tinted spectacles."

There were all manner of stumbling blocks. Mexico was hoping the anti-Sandinista "Contras" could be isolated in their border sanctuaries in Honduras and was looking to Honduras to expel them.

But the Reagan Administration, which had provided millions of dollars to the insurgents, showed no willingness to drop its support.

Later, at a Press conference before leaving Mexico City for Nicaragua, Mr Kinnock attacked American policy in Central Amirca as being fundamentally mistaken.

He said that if America really wanted dependable stability in the region they could get it at a fraction of their expenditure on armaments."

1973 Sikh resolve is a hurdle in Punjab

By BALRAM TANDON in Chandigarh

MODERATE Sikhs are pressing leaders of the Akali Dal (Sikh party) and especially Mr Surjan Singh Thekedar, acting convener and party president, not to impede the tentative renewal of negotiations with New Delhi, by making a prestige issue of a controversial resolution the party adopted just over 11 years ago.

Fears are strong in Chandigarh that the tentative explorations begun at the weekend both in Chandigarh and in New Delhi might be stalled because the Akali leaders have not formally disavowed the resolution.

On the other hand there is some relief because on the New Delhi side over the weekend there was no mention of a previous rejection of the resolution although Mr Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, has not overtly altered or modified his earlier stand that there could be no negotiations on the basis of the resolution.

Moderate Hindu leaders have noted that the Akali Dal adopted the resolution under oath, but they emphasised that much of the controversy stemmed from the Sikh party's failure to isue an authoritative English translation of the original Gurmukhi text.

The resolution was adopted when the Sikh party met near the Gurudwara (temple) at Anandour Saheb in October, 1973, and it is now referred to in political circles in India as the Anandour Saheb resolution. It asked for:

An immediate merger of the predominantly Punjabi-speaking and Sikh-populated areas of the adjoining states of Haryana, Rajasthan, and Himachal Pradesh with Punjab.

Chandigarh, at present the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana, to be made exclusively the capital of Punjab.

Greater autonomy for Junjab as envisaged in the federal structure of the Indian constitution.

The last of these points is the most contentious because the Akali Dal demanded that central control from New Delhi should be confined to foreign affairs, defence, currency, postal services, telegraphs and other communications, including railways and civil aviation.

An authenticated version of the resolution issued by the Akali Dal in November, 1982, emphasised that Sikhs needed "the constitution of a single administrative unit where the interests of Sikhs and Sikhism are specially protected."

The Government of the late Mrs Gandhi argued in a White Paper issued after the military action in the Golden Temple in Amritsar in June last year that several versions of the Anandpur sahes resolution with varying interpretation of the autonomy issue were being advocated by different Akali leaders.

Mrs Gandhi's government insisted from the start that the resolution and particularly the clause weakening the centre's role "had the seeds of disintegration leading to the ultimate secession of the Punjab."

U.S. AND RUSSIA TALK TRADE

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

Russian and American delegations began the first high-level trade talks between the Superpowers since 1978 in Moscow yesterday.

The three days of talks will cover prospects for pulling United States—Soviet trade out of the slump that followed the Russian invasion of Afghanistan in 1979.

CLAMP ON JEWS

By Our Geneva Correspondent

The number of Jews allowed to emigrate from Russia fell to an all-time low of 908 last year, against 1,321 in 1983, the intergovernmental committee for Migration said yesterday in Geneva. The figure was 51,350 in 1979.

Khmer base falls to Vietnamese

VIETNAMESE troops yesterday captured the Cambodian guerrilla base of Ampil, near the Thai border, after two days of fierce, almost-continuous fighting.

Thai *military officers said* guerrillas abandoned the base just before nightfall in the face of a sustained attack by Vietnamese troops backed by Russian-made T-54 tanks and a heavy artillery and mortar barrage.

The fall of Ampil came the day after the sixth anniversary of Cambodia's fall to Hanoi's forces which invaded the neighbouring Indo-Chinese country to oust the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge government.

Thai military officers said resistance at Ampil collapsed while Thai troops clashed with Vietnamese intruders further north along the Thai border.

Ampil was the headquarters of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front, and was also home to 25,000 civilians before most of them fled over the border into Thailand.—Reuter.

TRAIN KILLS 12

A freight train derailed and rammed into shops and houses in Lucknow, northern India yesterday, killing 12 people and injuring 22 others, the United News of India reported.—A.P.

TRIP FOR MUBARAK

President Mubarak of Egypt will pay a state visi to Greece next month, officials in Cairo said yesterday.

Zimbabwe accuses Britain of being too restrictive

By A. J. McILROY in Harare

ZIMBABWE leaders have told Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, that they are determined to see a speedier transfer of land to black African farmers and peasants.

They said Britain was being too restrictive in interpreting the Lancaster House agreement.

This gave Zimbabwe independence in 1980 while allowing the British Government powers to regulate the land resettlement issue.

Indications that Britain was now willing to be more flexible on this central problem were welcome "but not enough to satisfy the people," Dr Witness Mangwende, Zimbabwe's Foreign Minister, told Sir Geoffrey.

And Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, made it clear that after the country's imminent general election, which his ruling party is expected to win, changes in the constitution will be considered to force the matter.

£30m land aid

Part of the independence agreement was the provision by Britain of £50 million to help blacks buy land on a "willing to sell, willing to buy" basis, the money to provide funds for programmes approved by Britain.

In exchanges with Sir Geoffrey, Dr Mangwende protested that the situation remained fundamentally unsatisfactory.

"Because of desperate hunger for land, our own land for that matter, our people went to war," he said.

"That is why the repossession and more equitable redistribution of that land became an absolute priority once our government came to power in 1980."

At his departure yesterday before flying with his 11-member delegation and Lady Howe on a Viscount of Zimbabwe Airways to Lusaka, where he is to have talks with President Kaunda today, Sir Geoffrey defended Britain's position.

Since 1980 Britain had founded 55 schemes under which blacks had become landowners in settlements and communities, "a substantial contribution." Four schemes costing £5 million were in the pipeline.

In private exchanges, the Foreign Secretary reminded the Zimbabwe leaders that Britain had relaxed restrictions so that the land question could be helped.

But Zimbabwe ministers said strict requirements by Britain over such issues as health and building standards for the resettled communities were being used to allow the programme.

White farmers are worried and Sir Geoffrey had clearly made it a priority on his mission to try to reassure both sides.

He met ministers directly concerned in the resettlement programme and Mr John Laurie, president of the mainly white 4,500-strong Commercial Farmers' Union which numbered more than 5,300 at independence.

Both the white farmers' representatives and Sir Geoffrey said afterwards that they could not discuss what had passed between them "in private talks."

'British diplomacy'

At his Press conference in the British High Commission guest house in Harare, Sir Geoffrey, with Dr Mangwende sitting at his side, described his talks with Mr Mugabe and other Zimbabwe leaders as "substantive and carried out in an excellent atmosphere."

"*My visit has marked a significant step forward in Britain's* relations with Zimbabwe," he declared.

He urged Zimbabwe and all countries involved in bringing peace and stability to the region to adopt a patient and persevering approach of the kind which in 1984 "brought striking success for British diplomacy over Hongkong, Gibraltar and the European Common Market budget" negotiations.

Under the Lancaster House *accord there can be no constitutional* change until 1990 unless approved by all 100 of the country's MPs, an unlikely event given the degree of bitterness in Mr Joshua Nkomo's ZAPU party, the biggest opposition grouping.

Asked for his reaction to Dr Mangwende's public criticism on Monday that the constitution was oppressive, Sir Geoffrey said that he had listened both to Dr Mangwende and Mr Mugabe on the matter but Zimbabwe was an independent sovereign state and its constitution was not part of Britain's responsibility.

This was taken by Zimbabwe officials and most observers to confirm speculation that Britain would rely on its influence through aid and trade to moderate Mr Mugabe's approach to issues like that of land resettlement rather than try to enforce the Lancaster House agreement on the *constitution.*

Howe's Namibia speech played down in London

By JOHN BULLOCH Diplomatic Staff

DIPLOMATS in London last night were busily playing down any suggestions of a change in British policy over Namibia following Sir Geoffrey Howe's speech in Harare.

Sir Geoffrey told his appreciative hosts in Zimbabwe that Britain did not link independence for Namibia to the withdrawal of the estimated 25,000 Cuban troops in Angola.

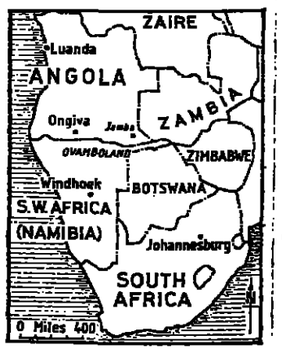
South Africa, backed by America, has always made the withdrawal of the Cuban troops a central feature of its negotiations over Namibia.

Whitehall officials said Britain fully supported United Nations resolution 435 backing independence but not mentioning froop withdrawals. Sir Geoffrey said Britain did not accept that independence for Namibia should be linked to withdrawal of Cuban troops or any other issue.

At the same time Sir *Geoffrey was careful to mention* the realities of the situation.

These were that there could be no implementation of the United Nations plan without South African acceptance and Angola's President had understood this and had put forward proposals for Cuban withdrawal.

In London offcials pointed out that while speaking in Zimbabwe or any other "front line" African state a British Foreign Secretary would be bound to emphasise the need for Namibian independence without conditions.



NEW REALITY CALL BY KENNEDY

By Christopher Munnion in Johannesburg

SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY yesterday turned down a prime opportunity to commit himself on the issue of American disinvestment in the South African economy to force political change.

More than 600 South African and American businessmen gathered at a lunch in a Johannesburg hotel expecting to hear the senator's views on disinvestment, a campaign which is gaining momentum in the United States.

But Mr Kennedy said he would offer "specific recommendations" on what he called "divestiture" only when he had completed his eight-day tour and talked to more South Africans.

"In fairness, I feel I should caution you that neither the American people, nor the Congress, will be satisfied with the repetition of generalities without real movement towards a new reality in southern Africa," he said.

Genuine progress could not be built on legislation that told two-thirds of South Africa's people that their *only proper* place was an area equal to barely more than one-tenth of the nation, he said.

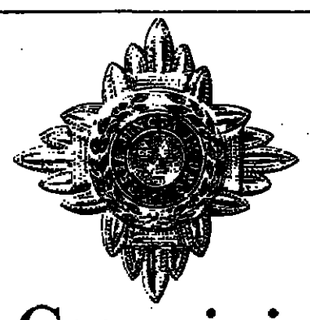
NOTED IN PRETORIA

U.S. seen in charge

CHRISTOPHER MUNNION in Johannesburg writes: Sir Geoffrey Howe's statement in Zimbabwe that Britain rejected any "linkage" of the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola with independence for Namibia was being studied by the South African Foreign Affairs Department yesterday.

But government sources said that the latest British position was "anachronistic" as the principle of a Cuban withdrawal from Angola had already been accepted by Luanda.

The sources said Sir Geoffrey's statement would be "noted." But the view in Pretoria appears to be that the independence issue has been taken over by America from the Western "contact group" which includes Britain.



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Mr Gromyko, Soviet Foreign Minister, and Mr Shultz, American Secretary of State, face-to-face across the conference table in Geneva yesterday during their fourth session of talks to find a framework for negotiations on nuclear arms control. Seated beside Mr Schultz is a woman interpreter.

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BE-BOP BACK IN CHINA LED BY DAPPER CHOW

By HUGH DAVIES in Shanghai

BE-BOP was back on the Shanghai Bund last night. Just slightly out of tune, but jazzing up ancient melodies with a vengeance, the old stalwarts of what was once the Jimmy King Orchestra returned to the art-deco stage of the Peace Cafe.

The elegant British-built boulevard overlooking the Whangpoo River has been quiet for a while thanks to Leftist efforts to stamp out anything that smacked of "bourgeois liberalism," i.e. pleasurable imports from the West.

Shanghai, former stronghold of Mao's widow and her "gang of four," cracked down on music.

But with the party hierarchy in Peking eventually acknowledging the campaign was ridiculous, the port, notorious for its pre-revolution decadence and intrigue, is once again ploughing ahead.

Trumpeter Chow Wang Yung and his six-piece swing band seemed none the worse for their enforced lay-off.

Speakeasy style of Chicago

The dapper Chow, who speaks English as if he were in a Chicago speakeasy said: "I've been keeping busy with the Shanghai Symphony. My drummer has been playing with the Shanghai Opera.

"But this is the stuff we really enjoy. You like Glen Miller, O K so do we."

With that, he signalled to the saxophone section—two men in their sixties clad in grey Mao suits—and with a throaty roar he led his comrades into a slightly unsteady version of "In the Mood."

It was the cocktail hour. The faded establishment is in need of a coat of paint. But the head barman still knows the best mixes.

According to the drinks list he can serve 69 different concoctions from a Singapore Sling to the Shanghai Shot, a lethal sounding potion of gin and mao-tai wine.

Everybody seemed taken with the 1940s atmosphere. Couples shyly held hands in the darker recesses of the room. But the floor waiters blinked when a Chinese and his young companion began to jive between the tables.

Such uninhibited exhibitionism is still frowned on in China and nobody else followed them on to the floor.

Raised eyebrows are ignored

The dancers ignored the raised eyebrows. They waltzed to "Over the Rainbow" and only sat down after a rather dashing tango to a rusty rendition of the "Chattanooga Choo-Choo."

At the far end of the Bund, the bar of the Shanghai Mansions Hotel was also active. Madame Mao reputedly stopped ships from hooting in the harbour whenever she stayed on the premises. Now all restrictions have been lifted.

Patrons who paid £1 a head cover charge had to shout to make themselves heard as pirated tapes of Tina Turner and Elvis Presley were played at full blast through loud speakers.

Shanghai it seems likes to leap on to a trend and then, if possible, head it. Compared to sedate Peking, China's largest metropolis is positively *avant garde*.

But it is also a hotbed of Leftist opinion — and there are reports of grumbling among the 12 million inhabitants over new urban reforms that are starting to bite into slender incomes.

troduce the long feared price rises, subsidies in Shanghai are being lifted and the cost of living is rising astronomically.

A chicken can now fetch the equivalent of £5, while fish are more than £3 apiece. Crabs that normally cost a few pence are still available but at almost £1 each are beyond the means of most households, except for Sunday treats.

Even Jessica's, the supermarket for foreigners and high-level cadres, have posted some extraordinary prices particularly for English items.

Significantly, in some urban districts, the Shanghaineze, normally noted for their fashionable clothes, are bucking the Peking trend towards Western suits, opting to revert to the conservative Mao Tse-tung style of dress.

Hollywood rep's view on movies

Whether this is due to the traditional Leftist tendencies of the city is hard to tell but there is a candidness in Shanghai that is not evident in the capital.

William Shen, 78, an English tutor who prior to 1949 was the local representative for Hollywood's Universal Studios, chatted at length in the People's Park.

"Ten years ago I would have been arrested for talking to you. It is a new era.

"But alas, even in Shanghai, where we have four studios and China's film industry is mainly concentrated, the movies are *not as good as before liberation*. Political censorship is still a bugbear."

The latest picture to attract huge crowds at the Peace Cinema is "Escape to Victory" with a dubbed Michael Caine speaking perfectly in the hard-to-master Shanghai dialect.

SHOT DEPUTY CHASED BANK RAID SUSPECTS

A sheriff's deputy in Port Huron, Michigan, was shot between the eyes while pursuing two suspected bank robbers but continued a three-mile chase until the men were caught.

Deputy Ray Gleason, 39, of Emmett, had an operation at Port Huron hospital on Monday night to remove a bullet lodged between his eyes. His condition yesterday was "stable."

The two men fired several shots through Gleason's windscreen striking him once in the head. He continued the chase and other deputies arrested the suspects about 20 minutes later. —A P.

COINS IN VATICAN MUSEUM STOLEN

An employee of the Vatican museums has been accused of the first known theft in Vatican City for some 15 years—that of some Etruscan coins.

Father Giulio Nicolini, assistant Vatican spokesman, said that the employee had been suspended from his job to await trial.—UPI.

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CHASED DRIVER FACES POLICE DEATHS CHARGE

A TEENAGE driver is facing prosecution for causing the death of two men he thought were thugs out for trouble, but who turned out to be plain clothes police chasing him in an unmarked car.

Verdicts of accidental death were recorded on P c JONATHAN STAPLEY, 27, and P c PETER DEANS, 25, at an inquest in Bristol yesterday into their deaths on Dec. 29 last year.

The inquest heard that they died of multiple injuries when their car apparently hit the central reservation of the Portway A4 road in Bristol and skidded across the road, on to the verge and into a tree.

The car, driven by Pc Stapley, had been chasing a car driven by ROGER GILES, 18, a barman, of Redcliffe Close, Portishead, Bristol, who was on his way home from work.

Mr Giles told the Coroner, Mr DONALD HAWKINS, that when he finished work he and a colleague had a half a pint of lager and a takeaway meal before he started to drive his friend home.

He saw an Allegro "crawling" at about 15 mph, and admitted overtaking it on the wrong side of a set of traffic bollards.

When he dropped his friend off an Allegro drew up alongside and two men started to get out.

Mr Giles said: "I just raced off. I was frightened. I thought they were troublemakers."

He drove his 1100 at 80-90 mph and near Avonmouth saw the following car's lights veer off.

In a statement to the police, which was read to the Court, Mr Giles was said to have admitted being an impatient driver, but said he had no idea the men were policemen as they had no uniforms or badges, or blue lights on their car.

"I thought they were out for trouble," he said.

When Police Sgt John Quinn told him later that they were police officers and that both had been killed in a road accident, Mr Giles was said to have replied: "Oh my God, I am so sorry.

"I did not know. I was scared. I thought they were a couple of troublemakers."

From the witness box, Mr Giles agreed with Sgt Quinn's evidence about the interview.

After the hearing Insp. Martyn Snell, spokesman for Avon and Somerset Police, said Mr Giles had been reported for reckless and careless driving, causing death by reckless driving, exceeding the speed limit and failing to conform to a traffic signal.

P.c. Stapley's wife, Karen, a policewoman, is expecting their first child in three months' time.

CS GAS PRANK MAN JAILED

A former soldier who let off a CS gas canister at a bonfire night party, causing 2,000 guests to flee in terror, was jailed for three months at Prestatyn, Clwyd, yesterday.

David Welsh, 23, unemployed, of Alitten Avenue, Frankley, West Midlands, admitted possessing the canister without authority, at the Talardy Hotel, St Asaph. He pulled the pin and threw it on a flat roof. The fumes drifted down and left guests gasping for breath.

LAND PRICES DROP

Farmland prices have fallen by more than £500 an acre since June and are at their lowest level for four years, the Agriculture Ministry said yesterday.

Eject error in Tornado led to crash

By Air Cdre G. S. COOPER
Air Correspondent

RAF TORNADO navigators have been given new instructions on cockpit ejection procedures following a misunderstanding which led to a navigator ejecting his pilot as well as himself from an airworthy combat aircraft.

The Tornado crashed in West Germany in November near a nuclear power station.

An inquiry in Bonn was told that the error occurred when the pilot had to take evasivve action to avoid a collision with an American A10 fighter near Schveinfurt, in northern Bavaria.

The manoeuvre was so violent that the Tornado navigator thought the pilot had lost power from the electrically-operated flying controls. In a split-second decision he ejected both of them from the cockpit, thinking the pilot might also have been unconscious.

A smilar decision was taken by a navigator of a Tornado that crashed in the North eSa on Oct. 28, 1985. The pilot had become incapacitated and was ejected by his navigator just before the aircraft hit the water. The pilot did not survive.

Three options

The Tornado ejection system offers three options. If the pilot decides to eject, the navigator is automatically ejected as well. If the navigator decides to go first, a lever in his cockpit gives him the choice of going alone or ejcting his pilot also.

The main reason for giving the navigator the ability to ejct the pilot was to enable his life to be saved if he was incapacitated by a bird strike through the front windscreen at low level, a Defence Ministry spokesman explained yesterday.

In all but a few Tornados fitted with dual controls, the navigator has no means of flying the aircraft from the rear cockpit.

Following the loss of the Tornado in Germany, the RAF has issued instruction stressing that the navigator should select the double ejection system only in exceptional circumstances.

The end of a gruelling ordeal for Ron Grant, 41, in Brisbane yesterday after he had overcome dehydration, exhaustion and searing heat to complete a 250-mile run across the Simpson Desert in central Australia in three days, 21 hours and 40 minutes.

Equity boycott stays

By ROBIN STRINGER TV and Radio Correspondent

THE council of equity, the actors' union, yesterday rejected any notion of an immediate change in its cultural boycott of South Africa.

There had been fears among supporters of the boycott that the report by Derek Bond, the union's president, on his recent controversial trip to South Africa, which called for a relation of the union boycott in some areas, would win support in council.

But by 18 votes to 15 with three abstentions, the council passed an amended motion recognising that policy could only be changed by referendum, but resolving to review the union's policy from time to time to take account of any change in circumstances.

COUNCIL CRITICISES EDITOR

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN

AN editor who refused to print a Press Council adjudication because he feared it might bring a libel action against his newspaper, was criticised by Press Council yesterday.

Mr Ivan Lee, editor of the Huddersfield Daily Examiner, had failed to observe "the moral obligation accepted by British editors for over 50 years to publish in full every adverse Press Council adjudication," the council said.

But last night Mr Lee rejected the criticism and defended his decision not to publish the adjudication, in which references were made to a Huddersfield firm of solicitors.

The adjudication, which arose from a report in the paper of a court case involving the firm, quoted complaints by a client that the solicitors had handled his case in a "bumbling," "incompetent," and "atrocious" way.

In a statement in his paper last night, Mr Lee said: "I have always accepted the strong moral obligation on editors to publish adverse adjudications by the Press Council, but in this case I considered parts of the adjudication to be defamatory, a view supported by legal opinion.

"I believe it would have been irresponsible for me to print the adjudication in the fairly certain knowledge that to do so could lead to costly litigation."

Not tested

Mr Lee said Lord Devlin, a Lord of Appeal and former Press Council chairman, had taken the view that adjudications would be protected by qualified privilege, but the issue had never been tested in the courts.

"In all the circumstances, I consider that my decision not to publish was the proper one, and that the censure of the Press Council is unreasonable," he said.

The Press Council, in a statement yesterday, which was published by the HUDDERSFIELD DAILY EXAMINER, an evening paper, said Mr Lee had told the council his lawyer believed that publishing the adjudication would involve a substantial risk of a libel action.

"That possibility cannot excuse his failure to observe the moral obligation to publish in full a critical adjudication which has been accepted by British newspaper editors for over 50 years," the Press Council said.

Not satisfied

The court case that led to the Press Council proceedings was brought by a firm of Huddersfield solicitors against a client who refused to pay a £117 legal bill because he was not satisfied with the way they had handled his case.

Mr Eugene Massey, of Bog Green Lane, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield, was ordered to pay the solicitors, Owen and Briggs, £35·55 and their costs and failed in a counter claim for a partial refund of £500 he had already paid to them.

The newspaper reported the case under the heading "Legal firm wins bill battle" and two weeks later published an apology to the firm for omitting to mention in the report that Mr Massey had said in cross-examination that he had no complaint about the conduct of his caso by Owen and Briggs.

Mr Massey complained that the heading was not entirely accurate because the court had reduced the solicitors' bill to £35 and the printed apology to the solicitors again implied that they had succeeded completely in their claim.

The Press Council, in an adjudication issued for publication on Oct. 23, upheld these two complaints against the newspaper, but rejected a further complaint by Mr Massey about the paper's report of the settlement of his appeal against the judgment, finding that the report was "short but fair and accurate."

Sign waiver

Mr Kenneth Morgan, Director of the Press Council, said last night thatt he council's advice to newspapers was that publication of an adjudication was likely to be covered by qualified privilege.

In cases where there seemed a likely prospect of a complainant seeking to bring an action against a newspaper, the complainant was asked to sign a waiver undertaking not to sue the paper as a pre-condition of the council hearing the case.

On the other side, the newspaper undertook to co-operate fully with the Press Council hearing and publish the adjudication, win or lose.

But waivers could not be sought against third parties that might seek to bring legal actions because there had to be a consideration on both sides to make the waiver enforceable and considerations could not be demanded from third parties.

Mr Morgan said the references to the firm of solicitors were taken from the HUDDERSFIELD DAILY EXAMINER's report of the court case and were part of the background narrative issued by the Press Council but not of the actual adjudication.

The four-paragraph adjudication giving the Press Council's findings was the only part which the editor was morally obliged to publish.

POLICEMAN FINED

Moustafa Ahmed, 31, an Egyptian police officer in London for an operation, was fined £200 with £50 costs at Marlborough Street yesterday when he admitted stealing five pairs of socks and two shirts valued at £26·93 from Marks and Spencer in Oxford Street.

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DEATHS, IN MEMORIAM

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MITTON.—On Jan. 2, 1985, MYRING MITTON, aged 92 years, with affectionate remembrance from his family and brother and wife. 273, Chesterfield Road, Matlock.

MOCHRIE.—On Jan. 6, in hospital, JOHN G. MOCHRIE, aged 85 years, beloved husband of the late Christine B., Moctrie and father of Anne and Simon, of Rubrol, Merstham. A funeral service will be held at St Helen's Crematorium at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 11, 1985. All inquiries to W. G. Dixon, St Helens 23907.

MOOR.—On Jan. 6, 1985, PHYLLIS MARY, of Nichol Farm, Tetsham. Funeral at Teynham Church, Friday, Jan. 11, at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research, 2, Carlton House Terrace, London, S.W.1.

MYERS.—On Jan. 7, 1985, suddenly at his home, PHILIP GEORGE, dear husband of Margaret, father of Richard and Patricia. Cremation private. Donations, if desired, to R.N.L.I., Harbour Office, Albion Street, Southwick, Sussex.

NINNELL.—On Jan. 6, 1985, EDITH GARNETT, of Apple Tree, Moreton Pinkney, husband of Eleanor and father of Richard and Janet. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Moreton Pinkney, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m. No flowers, please, but donations, if desired, to Moreton Pinkney Church Tower Appeal Fund, c/o Rev R. Lee, The Vicarage, Low Weedon, Towcester. Any inquiries, John Ward & Son, F.D., tel. 060-4 230438.

NORMAN.—On Jan. 8, 1985, peacefully, at St Leonards-on-Sea, IVY, aged 84 years, dearly loved wife of Gordon and mother of Alan and David. Cremation private. No flowers.

NORTHSAM.—On Jan. 3, 1985, VIOLET MAY, beloved wife of Oliver John. Funeral service at Keston Church on Friday, Jan. 11, at 10.30 a.m.

NORTON-FAGGE.—On Jan. 6, 1985, FREDERIC GERALD, of Preston, Rutland, dearly loved husband of Mavis. Cremation private. Service of thanksgiving at Preston Church at 3 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 11. No flowers please, but donations for Pre-Exist Church gratefully received, c/o The Rectory.

OSBORNE.—On Jan. 7, peacefully at the home of her niece, KATHLEEN, aged 102 years. Funeral service at Holy Redeemer Church, Exmouth Market, EC1, on Friday, Jan. 11 at 2 p.m., followed by cremation at Golders Green.

PARDOE.—On Jan. 7, 1985 at Exmouth, FLORENCE HILDA, aged 86 years. Service Exeter Crematorium Thursday, Jan. 10, at 10.30 a.m.

PARKES.—On Jan. 7, 1985, peacefully, MARJORIE PAMMONEL, of 56, Palace Garden Terrace, London, S.W.1, only child of the late General Sir Herbert and Lady Cole. Cremation private.

PARKINSON.—On Jan. 6, 1985, at her home after a long illness, BETTY MAY, aged 59, of Ashtead, much loved wife of John, dear mother of Hilary and Andrew. Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 12.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Friends of Epsom District Hospital.

PATERSON.—On Jan. 3, after a long illness courageously borne, ERIC HOWARD, CBE, M.B.E., R.F., Retd., much loved husband of Audrey, dear father of Gail Lynne and Robert and loving grandfather. Funeral service All Saints' Church, Whitley, on Monday, Jan. 14, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research Campaign, Carlton House Terrace, London, S.W.1.

PATTINSON.—On Jan. 7, 1985, at Southsea, South Molton, OLIVE MARGARET (née Gibbons), dear wife of the late John Joseph and beloved sister, aunt and friend. Cremation on Friday, Jan. 11, at 3 p.m., at Barnstaple Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Marie Curie Foundation, c/o Blackmore & Sean, Undertakers, 16, Exe Street, South Molton, N. Devon.

PEARMAN.—On Jan. 6, suddenly at home, EDWARD JOHN, late of Finches Farm, Remenham, beloved husband of Irene and father of Marion. Funeral service at Remenham Methodist Chapel, 1.15 p.m., Monday, Jan. 14, followed by private cremation at Luton. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Brain Hospital Foundation, c/o W.F.U., Gordon House, Hertford, Herts.

PETERS.—On Jan. 7, 1985, died peacefully at home, Albert Hall Mansions, Kensington, London, CHARLES EDWARD, aged 81 years. Greatly loved and missed. Funeral service at 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14, at the Mortlake Crematorium. Mortlake. Flowers to T. H. Sanders & Sons Ltd., 28 and 30, Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey, or donations to the Post Office and Civil Service Sanatorium Society, 66, Catherine Place, London, S.W.1. The floral arrangements will be given to the Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey.

PILLITZ.—On Jan. 7, peacefully after a long illness, NANCY MARGARET, beloved wife of the late Col. Gerard Pillitz and mother of Belinda, Georgina and Richard, dearly loved grandmother. Funeral at Mary's, Pewsey, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to MENCAP.

PUPPITT.—On Jan. 6, 1985, in hospital and of Gatewood, O.F.R., Manchester, ROYALD DAVID PUPPITT, B.A., Hons., aged 72 years, retired Fit. Lt. R.A.F., V.R., inventor Geographs Master Salford Grammar School 1946-1956 and Deputy Headmaster 1956-1970, beloved husband of the late Ella, loving father of David. Cortege leaving Lathkiwan Private Chapel, Salford, at 2.50 p.m. for service at Overdale Crematorium, Bolton, 3 p.m., Friday, Jan. 11. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired to Cardiac Hospitals. All inquiries and donations to Lathwaites Funeral Service, 15, Eccles Old Road, Salford 6. Tel. 061-736 1414.

RICHARDSON.—On Jan. 7, peacefully at his home in Cheam after a long illness, VICTOR KITCHENER. Service on Jan. 10, 10 a.m., at Randall's Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to the Motor Neurone Disease Association, 38, Hazelwood Road, Northampton NN1 1LN.

LINEN TRADE REFORMS URGED

By COLIN BRADY
in Belfast

AN overhaul in techniques and marketing is urgently needed to stop a steady decline in Ulster's once powerful textile industry.

The industry itself, excluding man-made fibres, is one of Northern Ireland's largest industrial sectors, employing 13,000 people or 13 per cent. of all manufacturing employment.

In 1959 however more than 32 per cent. of the manufacturing labour force in the Province were employed in textiles but this gradually slumped to 14 per cent. over 20 years. In 1983 the industry was one of the first to show signs of recovery but there was a downward turn in 1984.

The situation is examined in a report by the Northern Ireland Economic Council as part of a series of studies considering the medium term prospects for the province's economy.

The clothing industry, construction, agriculture and private services have already been examined and experts are also looking at the engineering industry, the food, drink and tobacco industries and the distribution sector.

PENSION PANEL ASKS TO SEE NUJ CHIEF

By Our Industrial Staff

Mr Kenneth Ashton, 59, general secretary of the National Union of Journalists, who has been instructed to go on leave for the duration of an internal inquiry into his revised pension arrangements, is to be invited to meet investigating panel members next week.

The four-man panel, made up of lay union officers, also wants to talk to Mr Naranjin Paik, union finance officer, whose pension arrangements have been similarly changed and are subject to the same inquiry.

The NUJ staff pension scheme gives union employees one sixtieth of their final pay for each year's service up to a maximum of two-thirds salary.

The inquiry team is assessing whether the revised arrangements, which were designed to give both men enhanced entitlements within this structure, were in line with rules governing the level of the union's contributions to the pension fund.

RICHARDSON.—On Jan. 7, 1985, peacefully at home, W. A. RICHARDSON, of Cliff Hills. Loved by Karen and Ann. Funeral service at St Paul's Church, Wordsgrove, on Monday, Jan. 14, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research or to the Association for New Approaches to Cancer, Glan Elbuig Funeral Service, Tamworth. Oxted 3761.

ROTHWELL.—On Jan. 7, 1985, peacefully at home in St Annes, STANLEY, in his 91st year, beloved husband of Mary and father of Gerald. Family flowers only, but donations if desired may be sent to your favourite charity. Service and cremation Park Crematorium, Lytham-St-Annes, on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 12.30 p.m. Further inquiries to J. and A. Porter. (0253) 735423.

SAR.—On Jan. 2, 1985, peacefully in her sleep, AUDREY YVONNE, of West Southbourne, Bournemouth. Funeral service to be held at the Church of the Transfiguration, Canford Cliffs, Poole, on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 12 noon, followed by interment. Floral tributes may be sent to J. J. Allen Funeral Service, Seagrove Road, Westbourne, Bournemouth. Tel: 763765.

SARGENT.—ON Jan. 5, 1985, peacefully in London, IVAN HERBERT SARGENT, aged 86. Funeral service South London Crematorium, Streatham Lane, S.W.16, Friday, Jan. 18, at 2 p.m. No flowers, by request. Inquiries J. H. Kenyon Ltd. 01-937 0757.

SCOTT.—On Jan. 7, peacefully in hospital, DAPHNE, adored wife of Harold, sister of Peggy, mother of David, Verena, Angela and Suzanne, and wonderful grandmother to all their children. A dearly loved friend and inspiration to many. Family funeral at 3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 11, at St James, Kensington, Credo Castle. Flowers to James Smith, 604, King's Road, Swanage.

SCRIVEN.—On Jan. 7, 1985, peacefully at his home, Lt.-Col WILLIAM HAMILTON SCRIVEN, M.B.E., F.F.A.R.C.S., R.A.M.C. (Retd), a beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Frensham, Surrey, on Monday, Jan. 14, at 1.15 p.m., followed by cremation at Aldershot. No flowers, but donations to the Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Menin Way, Farnham, Surrey, would be appreciated.

SCULLY.—On Jan. 6, peacefully at Orlands Nursing Home, MARY, aged 94 years, of 84, Lower Bristol Road, Weston-super-Mare, dearest wife of the late Thomas CHARLES FORSE SCULLY and much loved mother of Ray, Pat and John and their families. Funeral service Friday, Jan. 11, at 11 a.m. at Weston-super-Mare Crematorium. Flowers that be sent to Cooksleys & Son, 1, Wellington Road, Weston-super-Mare.

SHARRATT. — On Jan. 6, 1985, at her home, 25, Honor Ditches Drive, Seaton, Devon, MURIEL GAEL, aged 63 years, beloved wife of Roger and mother of Timothy and Peter. Funeral service will be held at the Religious Society of Friends Meeting House, South Street, Bridport, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to Q.E.S. Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ.

SHERIDAN. — On Sunday, Jan. 6, suddenly at home in Lyme Regis, NORT RICHARD, aged 73, dear husband of Nora. Cremation Yeovil, Thursday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m.

SHERRIFF.—On Jan. 6, 1985, peacefully at home, EDITH ANNE, wife of the late Henry and sister of Jessie and Muriel. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium, on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 12 noon. Family flowers only. If desired donations to St Wilfrid's Hospice, 2, Mill Gap Road, Eastbourne, Sussex.

STANDING.—On Jan. 7, in hospital at Macclesfield after a long illness, ANGELA, wife of the late Captain ALFRED STANDING M.B.E., T.D., beloved mother of Kathleen, Douglas and Pauline. Inquiries to Hooley & Watson, Funeral Directors, 219, James Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire. Tel. 22734.

TAYLOR.—On Dec. 31, 1984, in Wexham Hospital, DORIS MAY (Kitty) Dawkins, beloved wife of ROLAND TAYLOR, of Gerrards Cross, Bucks. Funeral private. Letters of inquiries to Jordan & Cook Funeral Service, Wexham.

THATCHER.—On Jan. 5, ARTHUR MAURICE, of 15, Duncan Crescent, Wednesfield, in his 75th year. Funeral on Monday, Jan. 14, at 3.15 p.m., St Mary's Church, Wednesfield.

TURNER. — On Jan. 6, 1985, suddenly, JOHN DOUGLAS ANGUS, aged 77, of Wheathampstead, Herts. Funeral St Helen's Church, Wheathampstead, 3 p.m., Jan. 11.

TLSFORD.—On Jan 6, at Leighton Hospital, Crewe, HILARY MARY, loved widow of Ivon, dear mother and grandmother of Gillian and Veronica, Sarah, Katie, Mark and James. Private family funeral. All inquiries please to The F. A. Ball Funeral Service, Woodchurch Road, Birkenhead. Tel. 051 652 4974.

VICKERY.—On Jan. 7, 1985, at Shockerwick House Nursing Home, late of Royal Crescent, Bath, VICTOR ALBERT, in his 90th year, husband of the late Mun, dear father of Valda, much respected grandfather of Malcolm and great-grandfather of Claire and James. Funeral service Haycombe Crematorium on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 2 p.m.

WALKER. — On Jan. 4, 1985, peacefully at Crawley Hospital, A. ELIZABETH, widow of George Beaumont and loved by her family. Funeral at Bawdsey, Woodbridge, Suffolk, at 2 p.m., on Monday, Jan. 14, 1985. Flowers to G. W. Smith, Alderton, Woodbridge, or donations to Heart Foundation.

WALLEY.—On Jan. 5, 1985, suddenly at Ysbyty, Gwynedd, Bangor, EDWARD LIONEL, of Orwell, Cricciethy, formerly of Keele, Staffordshire, aged 77 years, devoted husband of Mollie and loving father of Alexandra and Mary, father-in-law of John, much loved grandfather of Dylan and Sara. Funeral service at his home at 12.30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 11, followed by cremation at Bangor Crematorium at 2 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu if desired towards the Heart Foundation and can be accepted by Mr Angus Mclean, Tyn Cbd, Cricciethy. All inquiries Henry Jones, Cricciethy 2054.

WARD.—On Jan. 7, 1985, in hospital at Chichester, LILIAN WARD (formerly Day), of Arundel, Sussex and late of Bulbeck, aged 69 years. Funeral service at Worthing Crematorium, Findon, on Monday, Jan. 14, 12.30 p.m. No flowers by request, but if desired donations for Cancer Research may be sent c/o and all inquiries please to F. A. Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton. tel. 713939.

WARSAP.—On Jan. 8, 1985 at St Barnabas Home, Worthing, JAMES WILLIAM WARSAP, of Arundel, aged 64 years, dear father of Sarah and grandfather of Dominic and Daniel. Funeral service at Worthing Crematorium, Findon, on Monday, Jan. 14, at 11 a.m. Flowers and all inquiries please to F. A. Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton, tel. 713939.

WATTS.—On Jan. 4, suddenly and peacefully, ELIZABETH, of Beckenham, late of Rowe, Sussex, widow of Harold Charles, loving mother of Anthony, mother-in-law of Joan Mary and grandmother to Jonathan, Victoria and James. Donations, in her name please, to St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham.

WATTS. — On Jan. 8, 1985, peacefully in his sleep, ROY, husband of Elizabeth and father of John and Peter and grandfather of Steven, Carl, Timothy and Penelope. Private cremation. No flowers please, but donations if desired to The Secretary, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, W. Sussex.

WEED.—On Jan. 6, FRENA MARY, aged 81, mother of David. Funeral Mass 1 p.m., St Mark's Church, St Mark's Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, followed by cremation Enfield Crematorium, Friday, Jan. 18. Flowers, please only, to St Mark's Church. "Jesu mercy, Mare Pius."

WELLBURN.—On Jan. 6, suddenly and peacefully in London, EDGAR. Cremation Golders Green Thursday, Jan. 10, at 11.40 a.m.

WHEELER.—On Jan. 6, suddenly, at 57, Salutation Road, Darlington, BARBARA THIRZA, aged 64 years, dearly loved daughter of Thirza and the late DENIS WHEELER and a much loved sister and aunt. Funeral Thursday, Jan. 10. Service in St Cuthbert's Church at 11 a.m., followed by interment West Cemetery.

WILLIAMS.—On Sunday, Jan. 6, in Southampton General Hospital, CUTHBERT (Bill), Lt. Col. (Retd.) R.A.S.C. Greatly mourned by family and friends. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Maybush, Southampton, on Jan. 11, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers please by request. Donations, if desired, to the Mentally Handicapped Society, c/o Mrs V. Edwards, 59, Crabwood Road, Southampton.

WOOD.—On Jan. 4, 1985, peacefully in hospital, WILLIAM JOHN ARTHUR (Bill) Wood, aged 90 years pensioner of the National Westminster Bank, Lombard, London, a dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service at Worthing Crematorium on Friday, Jan. 14, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, may be sent to Cancer Research Campaign, c/o H. D. Tribe Ltd, 61, Lyndhurst Road, Worthing. tel. 34876.

WYATT.—On Jan. 14, 1985, in his sleep, at home, Dr STANLEY WYATT (Peter), dearly loved grandfather of Jonathan, Andrew and Simon. Service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, Monday, Jan. 14, at 12 noon. No flowers.

YOUNG.—On Jan. 6, peacefully at Peterhouse, Bexhill-on-Sea, MARION COOPER TODD, dear wife of the late ALLAN STEWART YOUNG and mother of Grace, Colin and Charles.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

HOOPER. — ROY, Wallace Road, Plumton, husband of the late Joan, mother of Susan and Brian, wishes to thank all family and friends for messages of sympathy and flowers.

JOYCE.—Col E. D. JOYCE would like to thank all his many friends for their kind wishes of sympathy and floral tributes in his recent bereavement, all of which will be answered personally in due course.

PAGE, Sir HARRY—Lady PAGE and family sincerely thank all relatives, friends and colleagues for their support and kind messages of sympathy following their sad bereavement.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

JACOBS, KENNETH MICHAEL.—The Funeral will take place at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10, at the West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CRANKSHAW. — A Service in Memory of EDWARD CRANKSHAW will be held at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

IN MEMORIAM

COLLINS.—CHARLES HENRY, Jan. 9, 1975, and his beloved wife, Gertrude Isabel, Jan. 2, 1977, both are remembered with love and affection.

DOWLING, DORA ELIZABETH (née Taylor), 1877-1932, Jan. 9th.—Remembering with love and gratitude my brave, wonderful Mother. Until we meet again.—Dolly.

MOON.—In ever loving and grateful memories of NORE, a dear Son.

PURCHASE, DOROTHY.—Always in my thoughts, dearest of all, to me, with countless happy memories. As ever.—Kinder.

WILLINGTON, JOHN JOSEPH WILFRED.—In loving memory of a dear Husband, Father and Grandfather, who died Jan. 9, 1977.

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Obituary

SIR BRIAN HORROCKS, THE SOLDIER'S GENERAL AND TV HISTORIAN

By AUGUSTUS TILLEY

LIEUT-GEN Sir Brian Horrocks, who has died aged 89, was one of the outstanding corps commanders of the 1939-45 War, serving under Field Marshal Montgomery at both El Alamein and in Normandy. He went on to become an equally exceptional television performer.

He was a tank expert who rose in seven years from captain to lieutenant-general, commanding 13 Corps of the Eighth Army at the crucial battle of Alam Halfa on Aug. 31, 1942, when Rommel made his final attempt to win Egypt.

Lt-Gen. Sir Brian Horrocks

Horrocks's troops took the brunt of the attack and within three days the thrust had been defeated.

After victory at El Alamein, Horrocks, now with 10 Corps, pursued the enemy to Enfidaville. He was transferred to the First Army in time for the final offensive in Tunisia, commanding 9 Corps, but was gravely wounded while in the forward area.

His lungs, liver and bowels were pierced by splinters, some of which remained for the rest of his life. After this almost fatal wound, no-one expected him to command another corps.

He spent nearly a year in hospital, but soon after D-Day, took command of 30 Corps on the Normandy beaches. He was still far from well and twice had to command his troops from an ambulance.

Popular with troops

His corps was used by Montgomery to lead the break-out and drive into Belgium, Holland and Germany. He was immensely popular with his men as a great fighting general and commentators have suggested that he was seriously underrated.

Certainly, only Slim and Montgomery captured the imagination of their troops more, and some feel that during the African campaign Montgomery owed more to Horrocks than Horrocks to Montgomery.

Brian Gwynne Horrocks was educated at Uppingham and Sandhurst and commissioned into the Middlesex Regiment in 1914. He went immediately to France and within two months was wounded and taken prisoner at Ypres. He made repeated attempts to escape but was still a prisoner at the 1918 Armistice.

In captivity he learned Russian from Russian officer prisoners and in 1919 was ordered to Siberia to help the Whites against the Bolsheviks. He was soon a prisoner of the Bolsheviks but was released in 1920 under an exchange agreement.

"So ended my extremely unorthodox preparation for higher command," he wrote later, recognising that being a prisoner was "the best apprenticeship for the difficult business of command-in war."

Staff training

Between the wars he served in the War Office as a staff captain, as a brigade major at Aldershot Command and as an instructor at Camberley. When the 1939-45 War broke out he was a lieutenant-colonel and was given command of a battalion of the Middlesex Regiment, serving in France in 1940, with Montgomery as his divisional commander.

Back in England after Dunkirk he commanded a brigade defending part of the south coast. In 1942 he joined Montgomery again in the Western Desert and was given command of 13 Corps, holding the southern end of the El Alamein line.

In 1946, he took over Western Command and was GOC-in-C, B A O R, in 1948 but retired from the Army shortly afterwards on health grounds. So began his second career, for from 1949 to 1963 he was Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod in the House of Lords.

For a spell he was military correspondent of the SUNDAY TIMES and in 1959 he launched a famous television series on war, "Men In Battle." At once he became an outstanding television personality, rivalling leading actors, panel experts and quiz masters in popularity.

Although he looked thoroughly at home, he once confessed: "Nothing in life has terrified me as much as a television camera. I go through agonies every time I face one."

In one television interview he described Montgomery as a great man but added: "I would run a mile not to live anywhere near him in peace time."

His television programmes described Dunkirk, Stalingrad and the invasion of Europe. He talked calmly and objectively about events in which he had played a leading part, for at the head of 30 Corps he led the fastest single advance in the war, leading to the liberation of Brussels and Antwerp.

From 1963 to 1977 he was a director of Bovis Holdings, the construction company. He published his memoirs, "A Full Life," in 1960 and "Corps Commander" in 1977. In 1924 he represented Britain in the modern pentathlon at the Paris Olympic Games.

He won the M C in 1919, the D S O in 1943 and was appointed a K C E in 1945 and a K C B in 1949. In 1928 he married Miss Nancy Brook Kitchin who survives him. Their daughter, Mrs Gillian Herbert, was drowned in a Thames swimming accident in 1979.

FRIEND'S TRIBUTE

'Great style and dash'

A close friend Sir Denis Hamilton, chairman of Reuters, said yesterday: "He was a soldier's general. He was loved by the soldiers and they would do anything for him. He was also himself one of the greatest fighting soldiers on either side.

"He was more of a fighting general than a great staff officer and always immensely loyal to his men. He was an unassuming man, totally without pomposity of any sort."

Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, Chief of the Defence Staff, said: "He was one of the last links with the High Command of the Second World War and a brilliant corps commander. He had great style and dash and always commanded from the front. His personality captured the hearts of all he led."

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PICTURE: ANTHONY MARSHALL

Mr Randolph Fields pausing in his march through central London with a model TriStar—the plane he plans to use to launch his £40 million Highland Express Airline.

Transatlantic airline hope for Prestwick

By Air Cdre G. S. COOPER Air Correspondent

A HIGHLAND pipe band marched to the Civil Aviation Authority building in Kingsway yesterday at the start of a public hearing into a proposed £40 million Scottish-based airline.

Mr Randolph Fields, 32, co-founder of Virgin Atlantic Airways, has formed Highland Express to run low-fare scheduled transatlantic flights from Prestwick, using Lockheed TriStar aircraft.

Mr Fields wants to make the airport the hub of an international network of routes from Europe to New York and Toronto, with linking flights from London (Stansted), Birmingham and Maastricht in Holland.

The British Airports Authority supports the plan, which could help save Prestwick from closure.

Mr George Giles, Prestwick's manager, attended the start of the hearing. He hoped Highland Express would help the airport regain lost traffic.

Single fares proposed for the transatlantic flights are £115 from Prestwick, £125 from Birmingham and London, and £138 from Maastricht. There would also be a standby fare of £89 from Prestwick and a business fare of £287.

British Midland, Air Ecosse and Birmingham Executive Airways are objecting to the domestic section of the plan, which proposes single fares from Prestwick of £20 to Birmingham and £25 to Stansted.

Three objectors

The proposed international flights from Maastricht to Stansted and Prestwick, and thence to New York and Toronto, have drawn objections from Virgin Atlantic and British Midland, with the latter concerned that Highland Express is trying to jump the queue into Prestwick.

LONDON ROAD PLAN ATTACKED

By JOHN PETTY Transport Correspondent

THE Government plans to spend £545 million to make the North Circular road "into a motorway-style route all the way from Chiswick to Falconwood and demolish 1,000 houses in the process," claims the G L C.

It intends to organise a conference early in February to try to draw attention to the schemes, which it says the majority of Londoners will oppose.

The G L C claims the plans are for "a series of massive widening schemes through large areas of west, north and east London."

There are separate plans for Hanger Lane to Harrow Road; from Popes Lane to Western Avenue; from Chingford Road to Hale End Road; from Stirling Way to Walthamstow Avenue; from South Woodford to Barking; and for a new crossing of the Thames between Woolwich and Bexleyheath to link into the A2 at Falconwood.

£12m donated to fight child cruelty

By OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A MAJOR reorganisation and expansion of arrangements for identifying and helping abused children is to be introduced by the N S P C C following the success of its centenary appeal.

The appeal has realised the society's greatest hopes with nearly £12 million being promised or donated in less than a year.

The money will not only enable it to overcome the hand-to-mouth existence it has been forced to endure over the past three years, but will also enable it to expand services.

Buoyed by the inflow of cash it is about to launch a five-year programme which administrators say represents one of the most significant changes in its 100-year history.

60 special teams

The society is planning to create a network of 60 child protection teams which will incorporate the work now carried out by its 250 inspectors. This is in an effort to cut the rising toll of child cruelty.

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Mr David Jones, principal research officer for the N S P C C, said: "Our inspectors do tremendous work at all hours of day and night but they have to work on their own and often from their own homes.

"We believe we can give a better service to the abused children whom we exist to help by re-organising our cover on a team work basis.

"The teams will be able to respond to calls 24 hours a day and in some instances will work from a centre which might include a day nursery and a 'drop-in' advice centre for mothers.

Despite the welfare state the need for the N S P C C remains urgent with an average of 60,000 children a year receiving the society's help or protection.

The Duke of Westminster, chairman of the centenary appeal, said: "It is hard to swallow I know, but on average one child dies a week at the hands of its parents. Most of them are under the age of five. Many never reach their first birthday."

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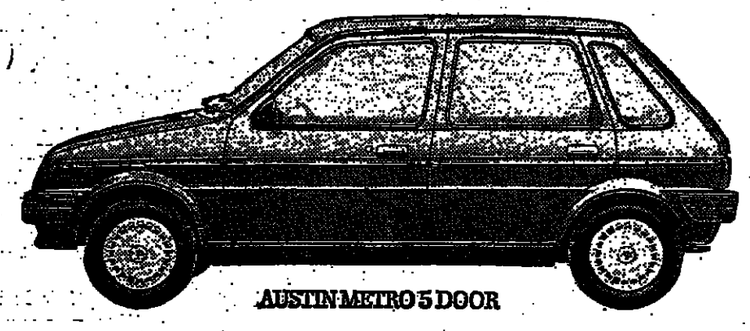

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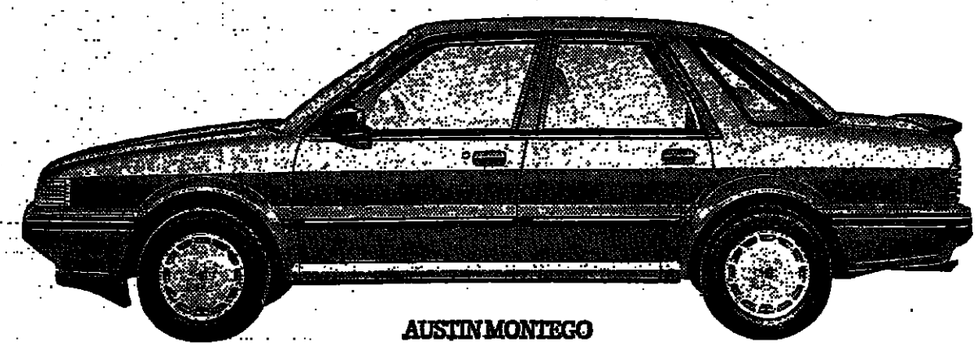

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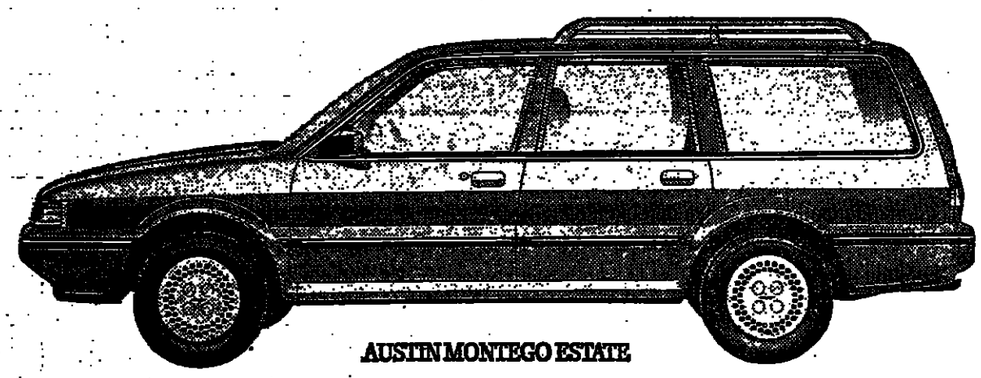

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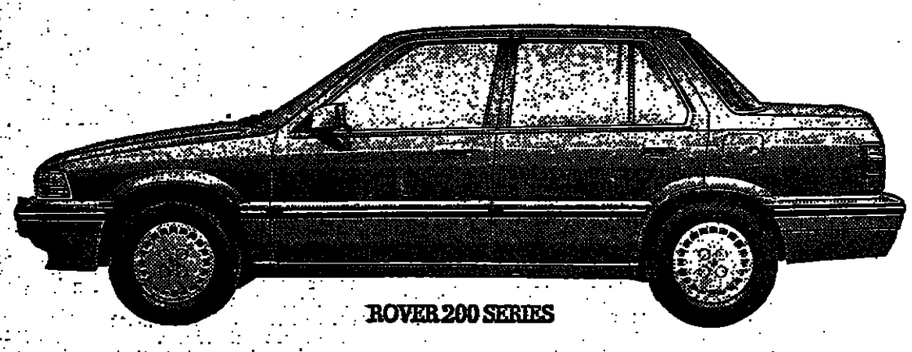

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A company perk worth sizing up

BL. FORD, Peugeot-Talbot, Renault, Citroen, Volkswagen-Audi, Volvo and Saab all had something in common last year. In a different way, so did Vauxhall, Nissan and nearly all the other Japanese makes. Fiat, Jaguar, BMW and Mercedes-Benz.

The first group were the losers in the annual new car sales see-saw last year, while the second group saw their registrations increase compared with 1983.

Overall, it was not really a good year for the home-grown British car industry as the share of the market taken by imported cars rose from 56 to 57 per cent. Vauxhall, alone of the British "Big Four" to increase its market share, did so by importing more cars from General Motors' Spanish and German factories; sales from its British factories, interrupted by strikes and introduction of the new Astra, were down from 125,000 to 117,000.

Fortunately, the smaller British companies did relatively better. Lotus, with sales up from 383 to 547 last year, almost caught up with Rolls-Royce Bentley, which sold 650 cars in Britain last year against 633 a year earlier.

Among the minnows in the British sports car swim, both Panther and Reliant did better — Panther with its year's sales up from 119 to 238, and Reliant from 93 to 105 (with the prospect of a dramatic increase this year with their new open two-seater sports).

Winners and losers among individual models included Ford's Escort, retaining its first place for the third year running, though with considerably lower sales, the Vauxhall Cavalier, up from fourth to second place, the Ford Fiesta, up from fifth to third place, the Austin MG Metro, down from third to fourth, and the Ford Sierra, down from second to fifth place. BL's Maestro held its sixth place, with the Vauxhall Astra still just behind. The Vauxhall Nova leapt from 15th to eighth place while the Volvo 300 series stayed 10th.

Newcomers in the Top Twenty, compared with 1983, included the Ford Orion (ninth) Austin/MG Montego (11th), Fiat Uno (18th), Nissan Micra (19th) and Renault II (20th). Models which disappeared from the list last year included the big Rovers, the Triumph Acclaim, Ford Capri, Volvo 200 series and the Talbot Samba.

These end-of-year figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers clearly indicate the fluctuating fortunes of manufacturers and their individual models. At a time of massive discounting on new prices, choosing the right model to buy can be an increasingly confusing experience, not only for private motorists but for company car operators.

A few years ago, the choice of a company car was relatively simple—it was usually a Ford anyway, and the employee was happy to take what he was given, usually a Cortina or an Escort. But Ford is now having to fight hard to keep the lead in this market, with most of the other manufacturers pitching for a share.

For hard-pressed fleet managers or company accountants the situation is further complicated because employees now usually expect to have some say in the choice of "their" car, since they are being taxed increasingly heavily on this "perk." A common procedure is to offer employees a choice of models within a selected price band, depending on their status in the company.

But according to some of the car leasing experts, this initial price approach can be ruinously simplistic because it takes little account of fuel and maintenance costs or of the residual value of the car when it comes to be sold two or three years later. All these factors can add thousands of pounds to companies' costs.

"The up-front purchase price of a car, whatever the discounts and other incentives, can be quite misleading as the basis for vehicle acquisition," says Mr Geoffrey Becque, director of the Cheltenham-based Lease-contracts company which advises many City accountants and stockbrokers. "The key to efficient and economic business motoring is to look at total operating costs, consisting of many different elements."

Based on long experience of the market they have produced a beguilingly simple-looking sliding scale "company car cost calculator," which shows how some 116 foreign and British cars compare in various groupings. The calculator shows the retail price, monthly and annual rental charges, fuel consumption (based on the official urban cycle figures), insurance, and operating cost annually and per mile, as well as the driver's weekly net personal tax (at standard rate).

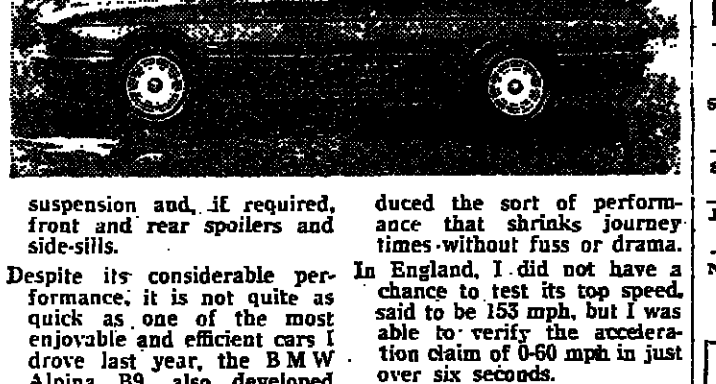
At present, the calculator is only available, free, to executives responsible for choosing and running company cars, but the demand has been so great that it may later be offered for sale. Although it is aimed primarily at the business motorist, Mr Becque believes that private buyers could also benefit from taking the same "whole life" approach to costs when choosing a new car.

"They should think about it well in advance, and not be swayed unduly by some attractive looking special offer. It is obviously not as easy for the private owner to know as much about residual values as the experts, but by studying advertisements in the newspaper, he should be able to get a good idea of how the depreciation rates vary. He should also think very carefully about the fuel consumption. Some engines are getting dated, so it is worth looking for cars with modern engines that can offer better fuel economy."

I was intrigued to notice that the calculator included some new cars that have not yet been launched, such as the 1·6 litre Rover 216, and its high-performance Vitesse version and M G Montego Turbo.

Another trend in the company car market that private owners might consider is that many business users are tending to keep models longer, closer to three years rather than two. This is because faster depreciation by the time a car is two years old is now making it worth while to run it for another year, accepting the possibly higher maintenance costs.

BMW's 'Five' series



B M W was one of the more successful companies in Britain last year, marginally increasing both its sales and market share despite the effects of the German metal workers' strike. Now it is expanding its range in the middle market with the introduction of two new versions of the medium size "Five" series saloons.

A lot of company car drivers will be looking at the latest 518i four-door saloon, powered by an uprated, fuel-injected version of the 1766 cc four-cylinder engine, now giving 105 bhp, with claimed maximum of 109 mph, and 0-60 mph acceleration in just over 12 seconds. At £8,970 it is competitively priced and has the advantage of coming just inside the 1800 cc tax break point on company cars. Fuel economy looks promising, too, ranging from 46·3 mpg at 56 mph to 28·5 mpg on the urban cycle.

Flagship of the Five range is the new M535i, one of the fastest four-door production saloons, claimed to be capable of 143 mph with 0-60 mph in seven seconds. It costs £17,950 and B M W says it is the only four-door saloon in Britain with this level of performance at under £20,000.

Its smooth, 3·5-litre six-cylinder engine develops 218 bhp and it can be tailored to the driver's taste with the choice of a five-speed close ratio or five-speed overdrive manual gearbox, or alternatively the very effective four-speed automatic, with choice of sports or economy overdrive modes, all without extra cost.

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Despite its considerable performance, it is not quite as quick as one of the most enjoyable and efficient cars I drove last year, the B M W Alpina B9, also developed from the Five series, but with an Alpina-tuned 245 bhp version of the straight six. It provided a remarkable blend of performance and docility, with no lack of utility as family transport.

This unostentatious family saloon, even with the four-speed automatic transmission which suited it perfectly, produced the sort of performance that shrinks journey times without fuss or drama.

In England, I did not have a chance to test its top speed, said to be 153 mph, but I was able to verify the acceleration claim of 0-60 mph in just over six seconds.

Two other notable points about the Alpina version were its utterly predictable handling, at the expense of a somewhat firmer though not uncomfortable ride, and its reasonable fuel consumption —I was getting 23 mph in normal use, including some brisk main-road driving. I found it most desirable. It costs from £26,230.

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TELEVISION / The Last Evensong

Church militants

PERHAPS St Michael's, Fenley Ridge, could not be included among the grandest of English parish churhes. Yet it looked to be cherished and well repaired and, unless a more than usually self-effacing Victorian architect misled the eye, at least some of the interior had survived from the 14th century. It appeared an unlikely candidate for sale and conversion in some dubious real estate deal.

Judging by the brief glimpses of the anxious young vicar, given in Trevor Baxter's **The Last Evensong** (BBC 1) last night, there was a greater unseen danger of an Anglican attempt to revive "meaningful interest in a very real sense to meet the needs of the secular day and age" by fitting the nave with stalls, coffee bars and toilets.

Whatever the truth of this, Brigabied Pryce Jones and Miss Marshall, otherwise the vicar's warden and the organist, were clearly on the side of the angels as they barricaded themselves into the threatened building and hung a bannare from the tower defiantly declarnig that the church was now "under worshippers' control."

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Indeed this was a very pleasant comedy, telling, through the prickly relationship of the widower and the spinster, an authentic history of village life and its profound concern with the niceties of church flower arranging. When interest flagged, Miss Marshall was always willing to show that she knew her way about hymns ancient and never offensively modern.

Freddie Jones and Muriel Pavlow played the guardians of the village heritage with a light and understanding touch, and director ...on Amiel ensured that all hearts would remain with them.

The current case of Derek Sage, taken off a dialysis machine because a consultant and colleagues did not consider his "qality of life" p to the ark, akes the new series of **Doctor's Dilemmas** (BBC-2) particularly timely. Dr Des Oliver, of Oxford, doubtless has a waiting list of patients most people would consider more deserving.

Deborah Cadbury's opening film, "A Web of Deception," did not exactly place this doctor in the God-like position of deciding who would live and who should die. But this Dr Willis did unwisely assume the role of marriage guidance counsellor as he dealt with a couple who were at odds about producing children and unable to talk their problems through.

The series formula meant that Dr Willis finally had to defend himself before a studio panel led by the lawyer Ian Kennedy. It was not a very convincing defence, though the other doctors present were not at all clear about how they would have solved the dilemma.

Nobody was tactless enough to suggest that other G Ps are too busy to take the amount of long medical trouble which this doctor so calmly accepted.

Sean Day-Lewis

Linsey Beauchamp and Peter Davison in a serialised version of Arnold Bennett's novel "Anna of the Five Towns" which begins on BBC-2 tonight.

Rothschild exhibition

An exhibition reflecting the influence and local philanthropic work of the Rothschild family is to open at Gunnersbury Park Museum, West London, in May.

N. M. Rothschild, founder of the English branch of the merchant bank, bought Gunnersbury Park in 1835. It was used mainly as a summer residence, and was the first of the many Rothschild country house estates.

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ART / The influence of Rome

THROUGHOUT the 17th-century Rome fascinated the artists, architects and sculptors of France. Nowhere is this clearer than with their drawings.

It is the link connecting the work of the many artists represented in the exhibition of French 17th-century drawings now at the Louvre. This exhibition, of fascination on several levels and of much importance for scholars and connoisseurs, continues until Jan. 28.

At the heart of the exhibition is a splendid group of drawings by Claude and Poussin. We are reminded that they are among the greatest craftsmen of the 17th century, particularly for their landscape studies, which are close to nature and wonderfully poetic.

Their work as painters is not open to confusion, but some of their landscape drawings are deceptively alike. There are problems, too, in distinguishing their work from that of followers and imitators. To see some of the greatest landscape drawings by Claude and Poussin in juxtaposition is therefore wonderfully instructive.

It has been said that in the 17th century Paris replaced Rome as the artistic centre of Europe. For French artists, however, Rome continued to be an almost irresistible magnet.

Just as some of those represented in the exhibition, such as Bellange and Toussaint Dubreuil, owe a profound debt to Italian Mannerism, so French artists working later in the 17th century revealed the influence of Pietro da Cortona, Mola, and Carlo Maratta. Indeed the drawings of Charles le Brun and many of his followers can easily be confused with those of Italians working in Rome.

The exhibition also enables us to trace the roots of French academism. Much that was to be *de rigueur* in the 18th century owes its origins to the 17th century.

Terence Mullaly

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MUSIC / Wagner's gentle knight

"THE WAGNER CONDUCTOR" was how most newspapers described Reginald Goodall when reporting his welcome and disgracefully overdue knighthood in the New Year Honours List, and I suppose it is a description he would approve. But the award was "for services to music," not merely to one composer's music, and we ought to give a moment or two of thought to what those services are.

First, though, there is the remarkable course of his career in the past 40 years. No musical knight has had a stranger journey towards the accolade. In 1947 he joined the Covent Garden conducting staff, not that this had much meaning for audiences at the Royal Opera House itself. But in the provinces, which the company regularly visited in those days, it began to be noticed that a Goodall performance was something special.

His reputation spread by word of mouth among connoisseurs, but orchestral managements were reluctant to get the message. He conducted Barbirolli's Hallé in the mid-1940s, but that was an isolated appearance. He has never been principal conductor of a symphony orchestra, not even a BBC one, never artistic director of an opera company.

When Covent Garden's regular tours ceased, he almost disappeared from sight and sound. The Solti régime had no use for him. A recent apologia by a Royal Opera House mandarin was demolished by one explosive "Rubbish!" uttered in a recent television interview by the soprano Joan Cross, herself no stranger fo the Establishment cold shoulder.

Goodall himself, small, shy and self-effacing (you won't find him in Who's Who), seems to have borne neglect philosophically and without rancour. He devoted himself — and this is where the services to music come in — to coaching a new generation of musicians, instrumentalists as well as singers, in the art of performing Wagner. And each year he went to Bayreuth. He studied the conducting of Hans Knappertsbusch; he worked with Otto Klemperer.

In 1968 the barren years ended when Sadler's Wells Opera, as it then was, invited him to conduct Wagner's "The Mastersingers." Overnight he became a cult. Critics and opera buffs asked "Why haven't we heard more of this man?" What then followed was the famous E N O "Ring" cycle, sung in Andrew Porter's English translation. Goodall approves of Wagner in English, because he knows how important it is for the audience to understand what is being sung.

At last he could work as he wished, able to train the cast individually, to immerse the orchestra in the texture of the music, to rehearse thoroughly. No doubt this pursuit of ideal conditions was what made him difficult to work with. "Reggie" is not the man for a house where the soprano jets in from the continent on the day before the performance.

When Goodall conducts Wagner, you know from the first note that all is going to be well. He has that indefinable gilt of the great conductor, the art of certainty. Some of his tempi are slow, but often he drives along almost recklessly. He lets the music's inevitability possess him; and through him it possesses performers and listeners. His "Tristan" with the Welsh National Opera, fortunately preserved on records (as is his "Ring"), was remarkable not only for its full tonal spectrum but for the way in which he exposed the score's textural strands in layer upon layer of proportioned, blended and refulgent sound.

But he has another and very special claim to a place in British musical history. In the 1930s, when he had an expert amateur choir, he spotted the talent of a 19-year-old composer named Benjamin Britten, and conducted one of the youth's early works. The debt was not forgotten. In June 1945, as is sometimes forgotten, he conducted the première of "Peter Grimes" at Sadler's Wells. Later at Glyndebourne he shared with Ansermet the first run of "The Rape of Lucretia."

Then, like so many others, he vanished from the Britten orbit. (Just fancy, he might have conducted "Billy Budd"—what an experience that could have been.) But Sir Peter Pears recently said publicly that not even the composer conducted "Grimes" better. So what will posterity say when it discovers that there is no full recording of the first really great British opera conducted by its original interpreter?.

Sir Reginald is now 83. How better to celebrate his honour and to atone for past neglect than by persuading him into the recording studio, giving him the cast he wants and letting him enrich us even further by giving us a "Peter Grimes" to set besides his "Tristan." Come on, E M I!

Michael Kennedy

THEATRE / Sharp as a chainsaw

THE ADAPTATION of Thackeray's "Vanity Fair" at the **Donmar Warehouse** is not a perfect job; but it has the measure of that great novel. It conveys more than I would have thought possible of the author's astonishing balancing act between sunny humour and desolate insight into the mediocrity and rampant egoism of most people, in whom good and evil are inextricably mixed.

Above all in this touring production, the Cheek by Jowl group have realised that it is not enough to purloin the plot and characters of a novel like a B B C "classic serial" and write off the author's exposition. In Thackeray, the mischievous prattle of his moral commentary on his "box of puppets" is everything. Here, his acid criticisms of his people are ingeniously incorporated into what the actors say—of themselves or of one another. The device works well: his voice is omnipresent.

One must allow for skeletal scenery and some frantic switches of role as eight players hustle through this vast panorama of the seamy side of Georgian England during and after Waterloo.

But they offer a Hogarthian impression of a snobbish, materialist age, in which the humble governess, Becky Sharp, learns how to manipulate the weak and sell her body to the strong in her fight for social success. She overreaches herself and falls but, by then, her courage, tenacity and resilience have come across as no less remarkable than her duplicity and meanness. Sadie Shimmin gives the girl the cutting edge of a human chainsaw.

How she marries a rake and deceives him is contrasted with the devotion of her silly, sentimental friend Amelia (Amanda Harris) to a worthless husband who intrigues with Becky. And the climax of the story is finely staged, the furious scene where Becky's neglected husband catches her carousing with evil Lord Steyne, here wrongly played as a young man.

Of course the adaptation, by Declan Donnellan and Nick Ormerod, fails to render that density which gives the novel its superb logic. It omits the early miscalculation whereby Becky misses landing a baronet. Her final "good dead" is not shown to be a cynical ploy. And a certain bouncing facetiousness is unfaithful to a book always more melancholy than mirthful.

But — "Unfailingly delectable," Henry James said of Thackeray. This absorbing production allows us to see what he meant and, all in all, this new young company is to be congratulated on its London debut.

John Barber

CONCERTS / Raglan Baroque Singers

IT SEEMS that Handel thought sufficiently poorly of the third section of his Miltonic ode "L'Allegro, Il Penseroso ed Il Moderato" that, after its initial performances in the 1740s, he himself discarded it in subsequent revivals. And it is in this shortened form that it is still normally heard in its rare modern performances.

That both he and successors have been largely mistaken in their judgment was decisively proved by the Raglan Baroque Singers and Players, and their conductor Nicholas Kraemer on Monday night, when the work was given for once complete in a performance presented by the B B C on behalf of the European Broadcasting Union, and relayed from **St John's, Smith Square, on Radio 3.**

The words of his librettist Jennens for the third part may appear banal and simplistic when compared with the Miltonic poetry of the preceding sections, but even here Handel responds to their Augustan sentiments of reason and moderation with music of a characteristic nobility, and of a ravishing beauty in the penultimate duet.

The rehabilitation of this third part would in itself have justified this tercentenary revival of one of his lesser known scores. But chorus and orchestra, and the accomplished septet of soloists, encompassed with a revealing fidelity all the extraordinary richness and variety of the first two sections which show the composer working at the very peak of his imaginative power.

Whether commemorating the extrovert or melancholic temperaments, whether vivacious or seductively sensuous, evoking pastoral or urban pursuits, nature or landscape, his response to the imagery of the text never falters, producing a music which in its vernal freshness is as enchanting today as it must have been when it was first performed during one of the bitterest cold spells ever recorded.

Robert Henderson

David Wilson: Oboe with slides

OBELISK. That is the snappy name of a "new performance art for solo oboe and slide projection" which the oboist David Wilson unveiled at the **Purcell Room** on Monday night in the first concert of this year's enterprising Park Lane Group promotions of young artists performing contemporary music.

The principle behind Mr Wilson's concept is a potentially fruitful if for the time being a questionable one. The idea of linking visual images with aural experience is not exactly new, but this is something that a listener can do for himself, should he choose to do so. To have other people's subjective pictorial or diagrammatic responses projected on a screen while the music which inspired them is actually being played is quite another matter.

It may well be that the value of this audio-visual technique would have been underlined by Edward Cowie's "Oboe Transformations" but, because the composer's own slides had been delayed in the post, this first performance had to be scrapped. As it was, the oil paintings which John Wilson conceived from the performance of Britten's "Six Metamorphoses after Ovid," vivid and evocative though they were, proved a distraction from rather than an enhancement of the music: and there was quite enough for the ear to absorb in Gilbert Amy's "Jeux" and Vinko Globokar's kaleidoscopic "Atemstudie" without the added visual element.

Not to the extent, however, that one was unaware of Mr Wilson's athletic, pliable, readily communicative playing, characteristics that spilled over into the second concert of the evening, notably in the powerful, passionate yet thoroughly sensitive account of Kenneth Leighton's "Alleluia Pasche Nostrum" which the cellist Elizabeth Anderson gave with the pianist Nigel Clayton, and in Michael Finnissy's "Kagami-Jishi" and Ned Rorem's "The Book of Hours," given with control and well-directed energy by the flautist Anna Noakes and the harpist Louise Johnson.

Geoffrey Norris

Christian Lindberg: three trombones

IT WAS a rare experience to hear the trombone separated from its normal orchestral companions, and a critical assessment of its beauty as a solo instrument in a recital was an unaccustomed task. Yet so brilliant was the Swedish Christian Lindberg's exploitation of the instrument at **Wigmore Hall** on Monday night that I found myself carried away by its power of expressiveness and equally by its sensitivity in a programme which took in the 17th century up to the present day.

Mr Lindberg played on three different trombones, baroque, alto and tenor, and was accompanied on the theorbo (a large bass lute) by Jakob Lindberg on organ and harpsichord by Alan Wilson and on the piano by Julian Jacobson. On the baroque instrument Mr Lindberg had a remarkably clean attack in Giovanni Martinu Cesare's "La Hieronyma" (1621) and Frescobaldi's "Canzona IV," both rich in ornamentation. Michael Haydn's Andantino (1763) was developed on the alto instrument to a fine degree of mellifluous tone while Mr Lindberg's own transcription of a Leclair violin sonata demanded a virtuoso technique and in the last two movements there were indeed moments of anxiety.

The strangest part of the programme was when on his own this artist performed a work written for him, Folke Rabe's "Basta" in which he achieved chordings by adding his own voice to the score. This, like Berio's "Sequenza V" which followed, developed the many facets which this amazing player drew from his medium.

David Money

'Fool for Love'

By Our Arts Correspondent

The National Theatre's highly successful production of Sam Shepard's "Fool for Love," with Julie Walters and Ian Charleson, is to transfer to the West End.

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Court Circular

SANDRINGHAM Jan. 8.

Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Lady Abel Smith as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE Jan. 8.

Lady Angela Oswald has succeeded Ruth, Lady Fermoy as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE Jan. 8.

The Duke of Gloucester was present today at an Epiphany Court Meeting and Luncheon of the Worshipful Company of Masons at the Mercers Hall, London, E.C.2.

Lt Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Queen will visit the Times, to mark its bicentenary, on Feb. 28.

Princess Anne will dine with the World Committee members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and the World Organisation of the Scout Movement at the World Bureau, Olave Centre, Hampstead, on March 23.

Princess Alexandra will open the "Nucleus" extension at Heath Road Hospital, Ipswich, Suffolk, on Feb. 19.

A memorial service for Dr Solly Wand will be held today at the West London Synagogue, 33 Seymour Place, W.1, at 12.15 p.m.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Adml Sir Guy Grantham is 85 today; Adml Sir Frederick Parham is 84; Sir Rudolf Bing 83; Sir Glyn Jones 77; Mr Richard Nixon 72; Sir John Buckley 72; Mrs M. L. S. Bennett 72; and Mr L. J. Holliday 64.

Forthcoming Marriages

Mr R. S. Ponsonby and Miss A. Colvin

The engagement is announced between Rupert, second son of Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt., and Lady Martha Ponsonby, of Woodleys, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr Michael Colvin, M.P., and the Hon. Mrs Colvin, of Tangley House, Andover, Hampshire.

Mr L. A. Ponsonby and Miss N. J. Guy

The engagement is announced between Luke, third son of Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt., and Lady Martha Ponsonby, of Woodleys, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, and Nicola younger daughter of General Sir Roland and Lady Guy, of Stourpaine, Dorst.

Lieut A. M. C. Healy, R.N., and Second Officer P. J. Linforth, W.R.N.S.

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Lt-Cdr M. R. Healy, R.N. (Retd.), of Monte Carlo, and Mrs M. Healy, of Fareham, Hampshire, and Pamela, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. B. Linforth, of Lichfield, Staffs.

Capt. R. C. J. Goodin and Miss D. Dale

The engagement is announced between Captain Robert Goodin, the Royal Anglian Regiment, son of Mr and Mrs Nigel Goodin, of Chequers, Brome, Suffolk, and Dominique, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Christopher Dale, of Thornham Parva.

Flt Lt M. A. Leakey and Miss R. E. Davies

The engagement is announced between Flt Lt Mark Leakey, R.A.F., eldest son of the Rev. Ian and Mrs Leakey, of Cudham, Kent, and Rosemary, daughter of the Rev. Arthur and Mrs Davies, of Stamford, Lincolnshire.

Dr M. N. Fisken and Miss S. L. Sharp

The engagement is announced between Murray, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Fisken, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, and Sheila, only daughter of the late Mr William Sharp and of Mrs Jean Sharp, of Sandwich, Kent.

Mr P. M. Simpson and Dr A. B. Lavin

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs F. M. Simpson, of Wickham Bishops, Essex, and Brigid, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. Lavin, of Cambridge, New Zealand.

M. J. Serreri and Miss C. J. Green

The engagement is announced between Jean, eldest son of M. and Mme O. Serreri, of Cargese, Corsica, and Caroline Jane, eldest daughter of Commander T. H. Green, R.N, of Lyneham, and of Mrs John Crookshank, of Ivy House, Westbourne, near Emsworth, Hampshire.

Mr J. P. L. Wynne and Miss N. A. Culmer

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the Reverend J. L. and Mrs Wynne, of Dublin, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs D. R. Culmer, of Brussels.

Mr D. P. Lougee and Miss H. Lindsay

The engagement is announced between Duncan Paul, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. M. Lougee, of Abinger Hammer, Dorking, and Harriet, youngest daughter of Major and Mrs P. Lindsay, of Kensington.

Mr S. L. Cadzow and Miss E. C. Cameron

The engagement is announced between Shane Lorn, son of Mr James N. Cadzow, M.C., J.P. and Mrs Cadzow, of Kilpunt, Broxburn and Isle of Luing, Argyllshire, and Elaine (Tootie), daughter of Mr Ewen W. Cameron, O.B.E., J.P., and Mrs Cameron, of Lochearnhead, Perthshire.

Mr W. R. A. Shuttleworth and Miss S. C. Mordaunt

The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Lieutenant Colonel an dthe Hon. Mrs W. P. A. Shuttleworth, of Stoke Lodge, Ludlow, Shropshire, and Camilla, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Mordaunt, of The Corner House, Westow, York.

Mr D. J. Whitehorn and Miss I. M. Orr-Ewing

The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of the Rev. John Whitehorn, of Barnet, Herts, and the late Mrs Elizabeth Whitehorn, and Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Orr-Ewing, of Wye, Kent.

Mr H. L. Steavenson and Miss V. Wormald

The engagement is announced between Howard, only son of Dr and Mrs Robin S. Steavenson, of Middleton St George, and Valerie, only daughter of Dr and Mrs J. L. Wormald, of Darlington, Co. Durham.

Mr R. A. Gardner and Miss S. A. Woodhouse

The engagement is announced between Russell, younger son of Dr and Mrs A. L. Gardner, of Juiz de Fora, Brazil, and Sally, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. C. Woodhouse, of Reading, Berkshire.

Mr M. C. W. Lipscombe and Miss J. E. Fawcett

The engagement is announced between Martin Christopher William, elder son of Mr W. P. Lipscombe and Mrs P. A. Lipscombe, and Joanna Evelyn, youngest daughter of Mr J. F. Fawcett, MRCVS, and Mrs Fawcett, of Basingstoke.

Mr N. J. Joss and Miss R. E. Owen

The engagement is announced between Norman James, younger son of Mr and Mrs W. A. Joss, of The Willows, Curbar, Derbyshire, and Rachel Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs S. J. Owen, of Townyeat, Wilton Road, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Mr T. J. Rowe and Miss C. R. Chance

The engagement is announced between Thomas, eldest son of the late Mr Raleigh Rowe, and of Mrs T. Rowe, of Cambridge House, Roydon, Essex, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Chance, of Broome House Farm, Bungay, Suffolk.

Mr S. C. Sampson and Miss M. L. Dickinson

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of the late Mr T. E. Sampson and of Mrs R. H. Sampson, of Beech Hill, Wadhurst, Sussex, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. S. Dickinson, of Standwell, Harlow Hill, Northumberland.

Mr M. C. Lemos and Miss E-M. Inglessis

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs C. M. Lemos, of Lausanne, Switzerland, and Eva-Maria, daughter of the late Mr F. H. Inglessis and of Mrs G. Panagopoulos, of Athens, Greece.

Mr R. J. Attwater and Miss C. L. Terraine

The engagement is announced between Richard Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs T. R. Attwater, of Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, and Carola Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Terraine, of Kensington, London and Amberley, West Sussex.

Mr M. P. White and Miss K. A. Baker

The engagement is announced between Michael Peter, youngest son of Mr and Mrs F. C. White, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Kathryn Ann, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. Baker, of New Malden, Surrey.

Mr N. Kaye and Miss C. M. Daniels

The engagement is announced between Nigel, elder son of Mrs M. Kaye, of West Bridgford, Nottingham, and Catherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Daniels, of Wellingore, Lincoln.

Mr A. D. Spyrou and Miss M. J. Vlassopulos

The engagement is announced between Alexander David, son of Mr and Mrs Andrew G. Spyrou, of Greenwich, Connecticut, and Maria, daughter of Mr and Mrs John S. Vlassopulos, of Ealing, London.

Mr L. R. H. Denny and Miss L. Watson

The engagement is announced between Lyster, eldest son of Mr Richard Denny, of Potterne, Wiltshire, and Mrs Gareth Raymont, and Linda, eldest daughter of Mr Gordon Watson and Mrs John Williams, of Fishbourne, Isle of Wight.

Mr R. A. Schwier and Miss J. E. Coleman

The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. Schwier, of Ongar, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Coleman, of Great Hallingbury.

Mr J. K. Martin and Miss L. R. Duncan

The engagement is announced between John Kerr, son of Mr and Mrs J. R. F. Martin, of Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire, and Louise Bayne, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Duncan, of Hyndland, Glasgow.

Mr T. J. Wilson and Miss C. M. Alexander

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr J. K. Wilson, of Newbury, Berks, and of Mrs G. Lake, of Bletchley, North Bucks, and Carolyn, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. W. P. Alexander, of Sunningdale, Berks.

Mr C. G. French and Miss C. K. Naish

The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of the late Mr W. G. French and of Mrs D. Belly, of Sedgefield, Durham, and Chloe, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. J. Naish, of Ealing, London.

Mr D. N. Christie and Miss A. J. Carruthers

The engagement is announced between Denis, elder son of Mr and Mrs Christie, of Stellenbosch, Cape Province, and Alison Jayne (Tilly), only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Carruthers, of Bryanston, Transvaal.

Mr A. D. Sturrock and Miss P. D. Lee

The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Mr J. D. Sturrock and the late Mrs A. B. Sturrock, of Bowdon, Cheshire, and Tricia, elder daughter of the late Mr J. P. Lee and of Mrs M. T. Lee, of Bramhall, Cheshire.

Mr A. C. Rudkin and Miss S. M. Brereton

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Rudkin, of Chislehurst, Kent, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Brereton, of Bramfield, Suffolk and Bangkok.

DINNERS

St Edmund Hall Association

The London dinner of the St Edmund Hall Association was held last night at Simpson's-in-the-Strand. The Rev. Graham Midgley, President of the Association, was in the chair. The guests were Mr J. C. B. Gosling, Principal of St Edmund Hall, and Canon J. N. D. Kelly, Mr Peter de Deney and the Presidents of the Middle and Junior Common Rooms.

Sherlock Holmes Society of London

The 33rd annual dinner of the Sherlock Holmes Society of London was held last night at the Charing Cross Hotel with the musical title of "The Scotland Yard Testimonial." Mr Frank Allen, President of the Society, was in the chair and the guest of honour was Sir Kenneth Newman, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. Mr Bernard Davies, Chairman, and Dr Julian Redfearn also spoke. Dame Jean Conan Doyle and Lady Gore-Booth were also present.

ALLHALLOWS SCHOOL, DEVON

The Lent Term at Allhallows School begins today and ends on Wednesday, March 27. Junior Scholarship Examinations will take place in the week beginning March 5; closing date for applications is Feb. 11. Interviews for Sixth Form Scholarships will take place on March 15/16; closing date for applications is Feb. 25.

EDGEHILL COLLEGE, BIDEFORD

The Spring Term at Edgehill College begins on Thursday, Jan. 1, and the official opening of the new Home Economics Block is on Thursday, Feb. 14. Old Girls' reunions are as follows: Plymouth and Exeter on March 2 and Sheffield on March 23. "Ibo" performances are on March 15, 16 and 17.

ST AUDRIES SCHOOL

The Spring Term at St Audries School begins today. The Confirmation service will take place in Wells Cathedral on Friday, March 8, at 3 p.m., candidates being confirmed by the Bishop of Bath and Wells. Half-term is from Feb. 7 to 12, and the Exeat after the Confirmation service. The all-weather hockey pitch should be ready for use by the end of January. Term ends on Wednesday, March 27.

GRENVILLE COLLEGE

The Spring Term begins today at Grenville College. Mark Sandford is Head Prefect, with Colin Hall-Tomkin as Captain of Hockey. Sir Peter Laurence has been elected to the School Council of Governors. The Bishop of Crediton will confirm candidates on Sunday, March 10, at St Mary's Bideford, at 11 a.m., and afterwards the usual reception will be held for parents and friends. Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" will be part of the dramatic performances in the new hall at the end of this Term on March 18, 19 and 20. The number of entrance scholarships has been increased from six to ten annually.

HOWELL'S SCHOOL, DENBIGH

Spring Term begins today at Howell's School, Denbigh. Scholarship examinations will take place at the School from Jan. 28 to 30. Half-term is from Feb. 15 to 19, and the Bishop of St Asaph will officiate at the Confirmation service on Saturday, Feb. 23. Term ends on March 27.

ST FRANCIS' COLLEGE, LETCHWORTH

The Spring Term at St Francis' College begins today and ends on Wednesday, March 27. Annabelle Hoda will be the new Head Girl and Siobhan Hindley the new Chairman of the Boarder's Council.

ST LEONARDS SCHOOL, ST ANDREWS

Spring Term at St Leonards School, St Andrews, begins today and ends on Wednesday, March 27. Half-term will be from Friday, Feb. 15, until Tuesday, Feb. 19. The Entrance Scholarship examinations and interviews will take place on Saturday, March 2. Applications must be received by the Headmistress not later than Jan. 31. The Senior Drama Society will perform "As You Like It" on Tuesday, March 26.

STOVER SCHOOL

Term begins today for boarders at Stover School. Former pupils are invited to attend the memorial service for the Rt. Rev. J. M. Key in Exeter Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 19, at noon. Entrance and Scholarship examinations will be held on Feb. 2.

Merger planned to save art colleges

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

PROPOSALS to merge London's eight colleges of art and design and form a single art institution are contained in a report to the Inner London Education Authority.

The mergers would bring together St Martin's, Chelsea, Central and Camberwell Art Colleges with the London Colleges of Furniture, Fashion and Print and the College of Distributive Trades.

The plan aims to prevent the college closures threatened in a re-organisation of the financing and future administration of higher education college under local authority control.

Individual identities

Under the proposals, drawn up by a steering committee chaired by Mr Neil Fletcher, who is in charge of inner London's further and higher education, all eight colleges would retain their names and individual identities.

Together, the colleges would form the London Institute, which would open next January if agreement is reached at a meeting of the further and higher education sub-committee on Feb. 19.

The meeting is to decide which departments will remain open at the various colleges and which will close.

As the Labour-controlled ILEA has a no-redundancies policy, resignations and early retirements will have to be considered.

BRIDGE TRIALS

By Our Bridge Correspondent

The second stage of the trials to select a team to represent Britain in the Common Market Bridge Championship in Bordeaux was played in Birmingham at the weekend. The leading six pairs, who will join Dr A. P. Sowter-P. D. Hackett and V. Goldberg-G. Cuthbertson in the final trial in Birmingham on Jan. 25-27, were:

1. S. J. Lodge, A. R. Forrester; 2, B. Shenkin, W. Coyle; 3, K. E. Stanley, R. Smolski; 4, Dr R. J. A. Butland, J. L. Reardon; 5, R. M. Sheehan, B. Myers; 6, D. Shek, A. Calderwood.

Women's Team: Mrs S. Scarborough and Mrs D. Scott-Jones, Mrs S. Pike and Mrs J. Preddy; Mrs M. Robertson and Mrs S. Macdowell.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guards mounts, Horse Guards, 11; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

British Museum: Patsy Canapa, "Roman wallpaintings," 11.30; "Bread and circuses: emperor and people in ancient Rome," 1.15.

National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, Style (21): International Gothic, 1.

St Bride's, Fleet St: Graham Wood, 1.15.

St Olave, Hart St: Nan Park, piano, 1.5.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guards mounts, Horse Guards, 11.

British Museum: George Hart, "Excavations at el-Amarna," 11.30; John Reve, "From Alfred the Great to Harold," 1.15.

National Gallery: Felicity Woolf, Style (31): Early Renaissance painting in Italy, 1.

St Giles', Cripplegate, Barbican: John Winter, organ, 1.10.

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Art Sales

£12,000 FOR BRUSSELS TAPESTRIES

By ALISON BECKETT Art Sales Correspondent

COSTUME and textile prices rose repeatedly above expectation at Christie's, South Kensington yesterday, with a top bid of £12,000 for a set of Brussels tapestries in a sale totalling over £30,000.

The 19th century set of four hangings decorated with medieval hunting scenes had been estimated at £4,000. A set of four Aubusson chair covers woven with birds and flowers and valued at £600-£900 realised £2,100.

Old linen was in surprisingly high demand. Quite average samplers were fetching up to £200 and one of the most attractive items, an early 20th century woolwork hanging embroidered with flowers and possibly Bulgarian, made £3,200.

Other highlights included a good selection of 1920s dresses, among which a black and white gauze embroidered and beaded French example, expected to go for £100-£200, was knocked down for £310.

A Parisian parasol with mauve and white feathers and an ivory handle went for £140 and an Edwardian black silk umbrella painted inside with 16 hunting scenes, also with an ivory handle made £250. There is no buyer's premium.

Latest Wills

DAVEY, B. E., Kingsdon, Nr Somerset, former chartered accountant £703,930
FOOTITT, C. R. S., Mill Hill 202,465
FORSYTH, J. W. A., Curridge, Berks 266,872
GALLOWAY, Mrs Marjorie, Crowborough, E. Sussex ... 306,122
GILLOTT, Mrs Bertha E., Aslockton, Notts 166,066
GORE, Kathleen C., Winchester 254,711
KIRKWOOD, Sir Robert, Sandwich, Kent, former chairman, West Indies Sugar Assoc. 188,424
LE BRUN, Mrs Dorothy, Bromley, Kent 191,137
MOSS, J. J. S., Warfield, Berks 279,527
ORFORD, Mrs Elizabeth J., Mobberley, Cheshire 180,664
PARADISE, E. L., Elstree, Herts 178,652
REID, Lt-Col M. B., Petworth, W. Sussex 455,347
ROWE, Mrs Henrietta F., Gloucester 361,432
TENISON-COLLINS, Mrs Sylvia M., Northwood, Middlesex 528,578
VICKERY, H. L., Cobham, Surrey 273,482
WHITTY, B. S., Sunningdale, Berks 185,867

WAY OF THE WORLD

Medical Moral

THE consultant in charge of the renal unit at Churchill Hospital in Oxford, described as Dr Des Oliver, in effect condemned a patient to death by refusing him any further kidney dialysis treatment.

The patient, Mr Derek Sage, formerly an inmate of a mental hospital, was described by Dr Oliver as mentally defective and schizophrenic. "The general view," said Dr Oliver, "is that we are not improving the quality of Derek's life. We are officiously keeping him alive," he said, wittily referring to one of the Victorian poet Clough's commandments in his "Latest Decalogue" ("Thou shalt not kill, but need'st not strive Officiously to keep alive").

In the event, Mr Sage was rescued from these masters and arbiters of life and death by the British Kidney Patients' Association, who transferred him to a private hospital which has facilities for dialysis. He is said to be improving.

What is the moral of this? There are several morals. One, the most obviously trivial, is: avoid falling into the hands of a doctor who calls himself "Des", or for that matter "Kev" or "Xav", particularly if he uses such modish clichés as "the quality of life."

On second thoughts, I don't think it is all that trivial. These things are indicators of character and therefore of fitness to be in charge of human lives.

In the Bunker

J. BONINGTON JAGWORTH, Britain's most eminent motorist and leader of the Motorists' Liberation Front, called an emergency meeting of its Supreme Council in its inspection-pit bunker "somewhere in Staines," to consider the new regulation which makes it illegal, on pain of a £25 fine, to park cars on pavements in London.

"This is a clear breach of the Silverstone Convention," he roared, sloshing more "B.G.A." into his silver presentation hubcap. "It lays down that motorists have the right to park cars wherever and whenever it is feasible to do so.

"I well remember parking a brand-new Boggs Super-Oaf, years ago, on the roof of a bungalow belonging to some wretched old pedestrian when I couldn't find a space anywhere else. Part of it—the roof, I mean—caved in—scraped my offside wing too, and, would you believe it, the beggar had the cheek to kick up a fuss. I soon put him in his place, I can tell you. Ran over him.

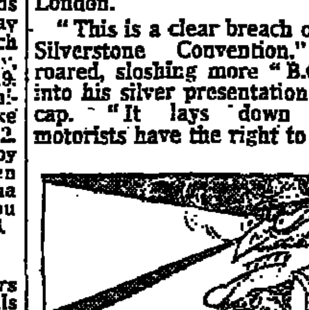
"The answer to the parking problem is simple: abolish pavements altogether. Don't talk to me about the rights of pedestrians," he went on, as though anyone present was likely to do so. "These wretched sub-human creatures have no rights. They're lucky to be allowed to live at all, though of course we'll always need a few for hunting purposes.

"We could breed them specially for speed and better sport," he said thoughtfully.

The Rev. John Goodwheel, Chaplain-General to the MLF, known to millions as the "Apostle of the Motorways," held up a deprecating hand. "With respect, may I remind you once again that many pedestrians are—or at least have it in their nature to be—motorists?" He pressed on in spite of Jagworth's warning growl. "Should we not pray that these unfortunate people may, by the workings of Inscrutable Providence ——"

But Jagworth had had enough. He did not wait for Royston Cylinder to point out, as he was already trying to do, that in the crisis of Late 20th Century Automobilism everybody, though suffering from alienation of the transmission system, was a potential motorist contributing to the coming revolutionary motoring situation.

"Just cut it out, padre, will you?" Jagworth said. "Why don't you go and take an evangelistic run, or whatever you call it, in that mobile cathedral of yours? And put paid to a few of your pedestrians, while you're about it," he shouted, accelerating to full anti-pedestrian fury in 0·05 seconds.



In Sadcake Park

LOVELY, sex maniac-haunted Sadcake Park, Stretchford's "iron lung," is, according to the Directorate of Tourism, Leisure and Amenities' brochure "Welcome to Stretchford," "lovely at all seasons, never more so than when Winter's icy hand converts it into a diamond-like wonderland where Nature, the

Great Engraver, incises every vista with a delicate, filigreed layer-cake of sparkling, rainbow-hued frost."

All the same, there are not many people about in the present cold spell. Apart from a few dedicated sex maniacs, shivering in their long mackintoshes and clinging to their iced-up bicycles for support as they try to write up their notes ("social research"), the only person (if that is the right word) stirring is Mr R. D. Viswaswami, thought to be the only immigrant naked sadhu in this country, who is employed by the Council to live in a specially-built hermit's grotto of artificial stone on the island in the lake.

Mr Viswaswami, who ranks as Environmental Amenity Officer (Grade III), enjoys the cold weather. He keeps warm by his mastery of the yoga technique of self-generated body-heat: witness the large area of melted snow round his naked, cross-legged body.

He also enjoys projecting "thought-forms," another of his specialities, which seem to come more easily in very cold weather. The only snag, from the sadhu's point of view, is that since the lake is frozen over, his enemy Mr Bloth, the boat-keeper (Environmental Amenity Officer Grade IV) is not there for him to annoy with his phantasmal arts.

Yesterday, in a temperature well below freezing point, Mr Viswaswami put on a magnificent display of illusions. There were tigers, elephants and well-known Indian architectural masterpieces such as the Taj Mahal and the Bombay General Post Office as well as an old-time English village whist-drive in which fabulous monsters took part with more usual players.

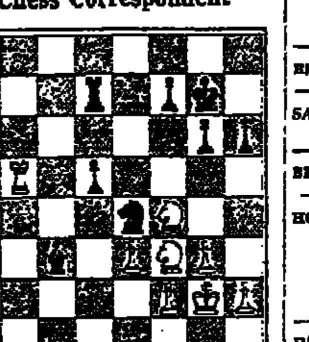
As a *pièce de résistance*, he produced, in a woodland glade, a thought-form of a Rotary Club dinner with more than 50 guests, including the Lord Mayor of Stretchford, Cllr J. S. Goat. There were speeches and toasts and several guests, evidently drunk, rolled tastelessly under the table as the whole illusion vanished with a nicely judged clap of thunder.

Peter Simple

World Chess

PLAYERS MAY HAVE HAD HINT

By B. H. WOOD Chess Correspondent



FROM the above position, on adjournment of the 39th World Chess Championship match in Moscow, eight moves and one hour's play led to another draw, on Karpov's proposition.

His 48th move, based on a temporary pawn sacrifice, threatened two pieces at once, but Kasparov was ready with a neat reply.

The draw could well have been agreed without resumption but perhaps it had been hinted to the players, when they rejected the downgrading of the match to an inferior venue, that they might provide a little more entertainment. Yesterday's play:

KARPOV White	KASPAROV Black
41 ...	N-B5
42 P-R3	P-R4
43 R-N3	N-K5
44 R-R3	K-N1
45 R-R4	N-B3
46 P-N4	PxP
47 PxP	NxP
48 N-K2	P-Q5
Drawn	

The Alekhine - Capablanca match at Buenos Aires in 1927, though it went to only 34 games, saw more actual play.

It went to 1,380 moves whereas Karpov and Kasparov, in 39 games, have made only 1,213 so far.

Karpov still leads 5-1 in a match for the first to win six. The 40th game starts this afternoon.

World ratings

The International Ches Federation has just published the latest world chess rating list. Kasparov and Karpov retain a 50-point lead, followed Timman (Holland), Vaganyan and Belyavsky (Soviet Union) and Portisch (Hungary).

John Nunn has overtaken Tony Miles to become the leading Briton in ninth place.

SCULPTOR IN RESIDENCE ON HOUSE ESTATE

By KEITH NURSE Arts Correspondent

A NEWLY-EQUIPPED sculptor-in-residence is to be based on a housing estate at Swindon, Wilts., on a nine-month project with £9,000 funding from the Southern Arts Association.

Mr John Buck, 33, a Fellow in Sculpture at Cheltenham College of Art, whose work has been on display at the Royal Academy, will work from a former community hut in the Toothill district.

A spokesman for Southern Arts said yesterday: "I think we would find it rather dispiriting if anyone considered the prospect of a sculptor in residence on a housing estate at Swindon as something of a joke.

"John Buck's sculpture is fairly small scale and witty and he will have a considerable educational role to play, and will be giving classes locally."

The project formed part of a major community arts programme promoted by Thamesdown Borough Council, which would be providing "help in kind" for the scheme, supplying facilities, materials and a studio.

The artist-in-residence scheme is a highly developed activity whereby the Arts Council provides grants to the 12 regional arts associations in addition to its own directly funded projects. Funding for the schemes are usually shared with local authority or commercial and sponsorship sources.

Obituary

Prof. CARL HANSON

Prof. Carl Hanson, who has died at Bradford, aged 51, was a world authority on solvent extraction. He was Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Bradford University and, since 1970, Professor of Chemical Engineering.

In 1962 he designed apparatus to extract and purify uranium at 50 times the rate of equipment then used at Dounreay. It was expected to cut the cost of nuclear power to make it competitive with other forms of power.

His recent research interests led to his appointment to the advisory committee on the safety of nuclear installations and the World Assembly of Co-Operative Education. He was awarded the Gustave Transenter medal in 1978 for his work on the physical chemistry of extraction.

SIR D. INGLIS

Maj.-Gen. Sir Drummond Inglis, who has died at Eastbourne, aged 89, was Chief Engineer of the 21st Army Group from 1943 to 1945. He was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1914 and served in the 1914-18 War, winning the MC in 1916. He was appointed an OBE in 1939.

In the 1939-45 War he served in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany and retired in 1945. He went into business first with BOAC, later as chairman of AVP Industries, the plywood group. He was made a CB in 1944 and a KBE in 1945.

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DAVEY.—WILLIAM HENRY DAVEY, late of 31 Scott Court, Silverthorne Road, Battersea, London SW11, died at Battersea on 4th March 1984. (Estate about £3,000.)
FUTCHER nee WILLIAMS, EUNICE FUTCHER nee WILLIAMS, WIDOW, late of Malmesbury Lawn, Woolston Road, Leigh Park, Havant, Hampshire, died at Liphook, Hampshire, on 29th May 1984. (Estate about £1,500.)
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, IN BANKRUPTCY, No. 1547 of 1984. RE: RICHARD HOE whose present address is unknown but who lately resided at 11 Lexham Gardens, London W8 5JJ Occupation: Company Chairman. (Under Receiving Order dated the 23rd November 1984). First Meeting of Creditors 11th January 1985 at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon at Room 410/4th Floor Thomas More Building, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2JY. Public Examination 18th February 1985 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon at Court 38A (West Green Building), Royal Courts of Justice, Strand London WC2 2LL. D. A. Thorne, Official Receiver. N.B. All debts due to be paid to me.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, No. 007559 of 1984. CHANCERY DIVISION. IN THE MATTER of GROSVENOR LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED and IN THE MATTER of WINDSOR LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED and IN THE MATTER of the INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT, 1982. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 22nd November, 1984, presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice by the above-named Grosvenor Life Assurance Company Limited (hereinafter called "Grosvenor") for: (1) the sanction of the Court as required by Section 49 of the Insurance Companies Act, 1982, to a Scheme involving the transfer to the above-named Windsor Life Assurance Company Limited (hereinafter called "Windsor") of substantially the whole of the long-term business (as defined by the above-mentioned Act) carried on by Grosvenor; (2) an Order pursuant to Section 50 of the said Act that all the rights benefits and advantages conferred on or vested in Grosvenor by or under all contracts of insurance effected by Grosvenor in the course of its ordinary long term insurance business (save for two policies or reinsurance referred to in the said Scheme) including all rights of Grosvenor under all contracts as aforesaid to receive premiums which are or may become payable on or at any time after the Operative Date (as defined in the said Scheme) and to receive premiums which have or shall have become payable at any time before the Operative Date but which are not in fact paid before the Operative Date shall be transferred to and become vested in Windsor; (3) an Order pursuant to the said Section 50 that all the liabilities (whether present, future or contingent) imposed on Grosvenor by or under all such contracts of insurance as are referred to in (2) above shall be transferred to and become the liabilities of Windsor; (4) an Order pursuant to the said Section 50 that all legal proceedings, if any, pending by or against Grosvenor be continued by or against Windsor. A copy of the Petition (having annexed thereto a copy of the said Scheme) together with a copy of the Report on the terms of the said Scheme by an Independent Actuary (as required by Section 49 of the said Act) will be open to inspection at the registered offices of Grosvenor and Windsor situate at 2/4, Caxton Street, London, EC1V 9EB, and Royal Albert House, Windsor, Berkshire, S24 1BE, respectively and at each of the offices whose addresses are set forth in the Schedule hereto during normal business hours on any day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) prior to the hearing of the said Petition. AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Nourse at the Royal Courts of Justice Strand, London, WC2A 2LL, on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1985, and any person including any employee of Grosvenor or Windsor, who alleges that he or she would be adversely affected by the carrying out of the said Scheme may appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose, in which case he or she is requested to give two "clear days" notice in writing of his or her intention so to appear with the grounds of his or her objection to either of the under-mentioned Solicitors. Any policyholder of Grosvenor or Windsor who dissents from the proposed Scheme but does not desire to appear on the hearing of the said Petition should give not less than two clear days' previous notice in writing of such dissent with the grounds thereof to the undermentioned Solicitors. A copy of the Petition (having annexed thereto a copy of the Scheme) and a copy of the Report of the Independent Actuary will be furnished to any person requiring the same by the under-mentioned Solicitors at any time before an Order sanctioning the said Scheme is made on the said Petition on payment of the regulated charge for the same. Dated this 9th day of January, 1985. Messrs. Jeffrey Green & Russell, of Apollo House, 56, New Bond Street, London, W1Y 9DG, Solicitors for Grosvenor; Messrs. Simmonds and Simmonds, of 14, Dominion Street, London, EC2M 2RJ, Solicitors for Windsor. THE SCHEDULE: Grosvenor, Norman House, 22, John Street, London, WC1N 2BL. Windsor (1) Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London, WC2B 6BD (2) Craiglevar House, 77, Craigmount, Brae, Edinburgh, EH12 8XE (3) The Portsmouth Enterprise Centre, Quartremain Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO3 5QT (4) 48, Albion Street, Leeds, LS1 6AB.

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Classic casuals

REALLY casual clothes that look stunning at weekends, but which you would hardly wear for working or other city life, come quite low in many people's fashion-buying priorities list.

Thus the sales are a good place to look for very interesting casual outfits, particularly as these kind of clothes do not date easily and the chunky knit-cum-workwear style of most of them is likely to be good for several seasons.

Ros Joffe's intricate Italian-made machine-knits and good-quality wool co-ordinates for the Monument label, a sister range to her own exquisite hand-knits, feature well in the sale at Whistles branches.

We show her loose and baggy, brown and cream basketweave style, its huge angled pocket flaps an interesting detail, which is now half price at £63 from £126. The deep brown, heavy wool, slim skirt is £42 from £84.

In the sale at Simpson, Piccadilly, London SW1, the sludgy grey-green, crushed-nylon, big jacket with ruched rubber trim and matching pants, like a flying suit in two pieces, by Brazilia, is well reduced — the jacket to £85 from £127, the trousers to £39 from £55 — and is a classic in its own way.

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Making a name in the make-up world

By Paula Davies

Barbara Attenborough, pictured in her office mixing powders for the 100 or so colours in the Boots 17 teenage range. Picture by SRDJA DJUKANOVIC.

WHEN asked what she does for a living, Barbara Attenborough invariably replies: "I make up make-up." True, she does, but such a simple answer is deceptive.

Even when she is mixing coloured powders to work out new cosmetic shades for blushers or eye-shadows it is perfectly clear that Barbara is far more than a clever technician.

Recently appointed to the board of Boots, The Chemist and the sole woman on it, Barbara is the archetype of the successful career woman who has managed to combine family and work for nearly 30 years. And, like so many people, luck as much as ability gave her her chances.

An early start as a journalist in the 1950s foundered. Changing course, she applied for a job with a cosmetics firm because she had heard the company needed someone who spoke Spanish.

"I rang a director of Yardleys out of the blue and, although he was surprised, he agreed to see me," she said. "He told me that it was easier to teach someone about cosmetics than a foreign language and I got the job."

And what a job it proved to be. Barbara would spend six months of the year with the company in London and the next six months travelling all over Central and South America and the West Indies.

"The company bought me everything for each trip, even the suitcases. Every time I went off it was with complete new outfits, a wad of tickets and an enormous letter of credit."

By the time she left Yardley in 1969, Barbara had been through virtually every department. "I had wide experience of customers but I was also creating products like Pretty Goods for teenagers. I had worked in development, packaging and finally marketing."

It was the sort of experience which would be of lasting value; so it is not surprising that she was head-hunted by a rival firm. "The trouble was that the man in the middle wouldn't tell me the name of the company. Most of the beauty houses were American- or French-owned and I preferred to work for a British company. I never thought of Boots as a cosmetics firm." But she has thought of little else since, readily admitting that she is someone who eats and sleeps cosmetics.

Brought into the firm as a consultant to re-vamp the No. 7 range which she described as "a funny, elderly brand which looked a bit sad," Barbara has since been the presiding genius behind all the company's cosmetic launches.

"In 1972 I took on 17 and then in 1976 invented An Original Formula. That was three ranges to look after. Special Collection was launched in 1980 and the latest, System I, in the autumn of 1984."

Lest I should be foolish enough to imagine that her success is single-handed she has much praise for her staff, particularly her children Claire, who has helped to develop System I and Nicholas, who is managing director of her company, Barbara Attenborough Associates.

The consultancy work for Boots is only part of this family-run public relations business which takes in accounts as diverse as dental health and chocolates, hair care and jewellery. "But we only take on accounts that don't conflict with the Boots work," she added.

"The early journalism helped here," she continued. "I reckoned I knew what journalists wanted, so as not to waste their time."

Barbara doesn't appear to waste a minute of her time, and much of it is taken up by the Boots business with its £50 million-a-year sales through the five cosmetic ranges. In its invitation to join the retail board—the first non-employee to be asked to do so—Boots was fulsome in its praise, particularly in relation to the re-launch of No. 7. It described her as "taking No. 7 from a small, house brand to a multi-million pound range which is now the leading retail brand in the United Kingdom."

So the directorship is really a reward for services rendered? Barbara reckons it is certainly more of a compliment than anything else. "I am still doing what I have always been doing, making up make-up," she said simply. But spotting trends and adjusting them to suit the average customer is no sinecure and she remarked, somewhat plaintively, that "people forget that you have to come up with ideas."

She didn't add that they have to be ideas that work but is quite happy—as only the successful are—to tell you about her failures.

"There was an eye-shadow that I invented which was a complete disaster," she laughed. "I suggested we use vegetable dyes but they were too effective—they stayed on too long. Nobody wants the same colour on for a couple of days."

And a success story? Barbara thought for a moment and picked the least likely: her re-introduction of stocking cream.

"I remembered that my mother used such a cream during the war, when you couldn't buy stockings. We decided it might sell to the young for the summer. It did well and then we found it was selling all the year round because older women discovered it was an excellent camouflage for leg blemishes."

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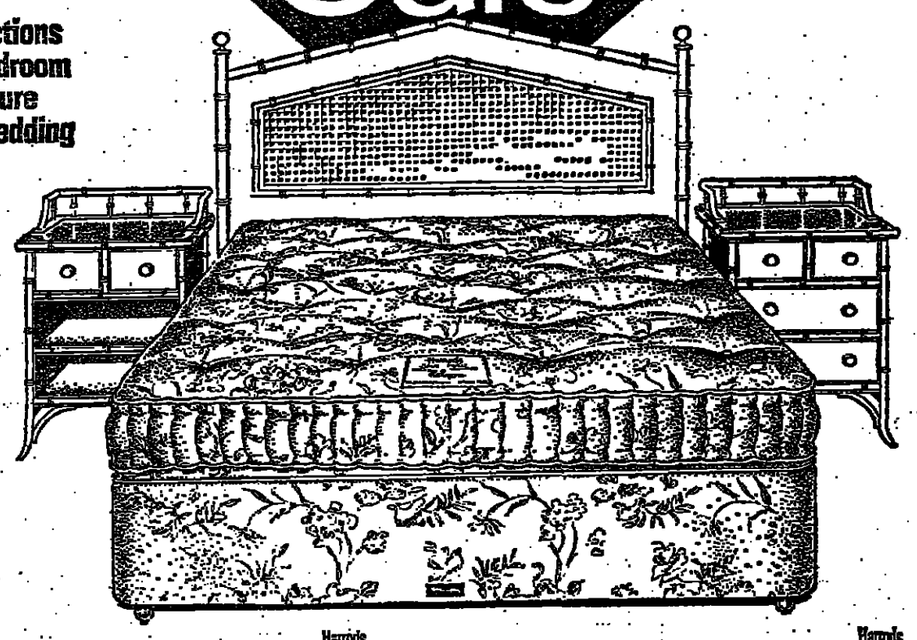

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Illustrated: Biffi bedroom furniture exclusive to Harrods. Made in Italy. White polyester finish.		
Headboard with cane inset: 3'3" wide	£324	£259
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	Harrods Orig. Price	Sale Price
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5'x6'6"	£944	£685
6'x6'6"	£1,232	£865
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Airport catering that's reaching new heights

THE idea of Heathrow airport producing food you want to eat, rather than mere fodder for the hungry, is an interesting one.

The airport's authority, however, is going all out to sell its new patisserie range—even putting its sales girls into candy-striped pink-and-white uniforms that make them look as edible as sticks of seaside rock.

The authority also went to the extent of commissioning a survey which showed that tasters preferred its Danish pastries to those obtainable at Harrods and Selfridges.

Determined to upgrade its image, the airport caterers, Trust House Forte, has set up a new patisserie to supply all the restaurants with not only the ubiquitous Danish pastries but also fresh fruit flans and strawberry, tutti-frutti and chocolate walnut gateaux.

And there is now a take-away service to enable the forgetful traveller to pick up a last-minute present. Packed in pretty pink-and-white boxes, the prices of these range from 51p for individual Danish pastries and 80p for individual fruit tarts to £7·95 for the gateaux.

This year it plans a special made-to-order range where names can be iced on to the gateaux. A birthday cake from Heathrow certainly has something original about it.

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INTEREST RATE ESCAPE

WITH ONE BOUND JACK, or more accurately Nigel, was free. The half per cent. fall in the broad money aggregate, sterling M3, has, for the moment at least, let the Government off the hook of a rise in interest rates. Because the reduction in monetary growth was rather greater than most analysts were prepared to predict, the initial market reaction has been favourable. Pressures for dearer money from the crucial inter-bank market have significantly eased and the new-found perkiness of gilts suggests that the authorities should be able to resume the funding programme with beneficial consequences for monetary control in the immediate future. With the public sector likely to make a strongly positive cash contribution over the next couple of months, it looks as if only another spectacular bout of sterling weakness will force the Government to accede to higher base lending rates.

In the day before Parliament resumed, the last thing the Government wanted was a setback over interest rates which would have provided ammunition for the fractious malcontents on its own backbenches. As long as interest rates are not rising and there remains the prospect of quite substantial tax cuts, the Prime Minister and her Chancellor can claim that their economic strategy is working and that alternative policies to reduce unemployment would only jeopardise what has already been achieved.

In many ways, the Government's case for wanting to avoid a rise in interest rates is a strong one. While it is possible to argue that monetary policy has become relatively accommodative (especially in relation to the declared goal of eventual stable prices), most of the aggregates, with the exception of the extremely well behaved M0, have been subject to all manner of distortion, the most recent being the British Telecom issue. As long as there is no apparent acceleration of overall monetary demand beyond the 8 per cent. which the Treasury is expecting this year—about 3 per cent. going into real growth and 5 per cent. into inflation—there is no cause for the sort of agitation which has become fashionable in financial markets during recent weeks. There is, however, one reason for anxiety. Under any monetary control régime, interest rates must sometimes go up as well as down. In its laudable efforts to maintain economic recovery, it would be a pity if the Government gave the impression that even a modest, temporary increase in interest rates was a major disaster. By attaching such a high political priority to lower interest rates, the Government is both making the job of monetary control more difficult and making itself vulnerable to forces which it cannot always influence.

KENNEDY AFRICANUS

DURING HIS EIGHT-DAY VISIT to South Africa Senator EDWARD KENNEDY is apparently anxious to see what he believes is the worst which that country has to offer. Though he has spent 90 wolly unfruitful minutes with Mr PIK BOTHA, the South African Foreign Minister, he has so far preferred the company of opposition leaders such as Bishop DESMOND TUTU. At Mathopested he has also concentrated on one of the worst examples of "forced removals." This is the appalling system whereby the South African Government uproots blameless blacks with a view to resettling them.

The freedom with which Senator KENNEDY has moved in South Africa, making criticisms which would delight few governments, somewhat belies the common notion of a Police State. Also, the Government is happy to leave well alone because it has grasped not only that his reflections are designed for domestic, American consumption, but that they are gloriously and thoroughly predictable.

Without knowledge of Africa or South Africa anyone arriving in Johannesburg and travelling directly to Soweto would be as distressed as the Senator appears to have been. The sad truth is that on the whole Soweto, for all its many privations, is a better place to live in than most black townships throughout the continent, including South Africa. Of course on American television it looks bad, and his comments will have had their intended effect of rousing American Liberal opinion in the Senator's favour, but South African blacks will have only seen their irrelevance. South Arica's problems are deeper and more diverse even than Senator KENNEDY seems prepared to acknowledge. It is a curious irony that this champion of liberal causes should have been subjected to so much black abuse since his arrival in South Africa. For these people Senator KENNEDY is someone who neither knows anything about South Africa nor wants to know.

THE QUALITY OF LIFE

CLINICAL STANDARDS at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, are no doubt excellent. And the philosophy of its doctors in their dedication and compassion shown to patients may well be beyond reproach, but if so the words in which that philosophy has been expressed during the past few days could have been chosen more happily. The decision to stop dialysis treatment of the seriously ill DEREK SAGE was taken, according to the first explanation, because "the general view is that we are not improving the quality of DEREK's life." If that were a general principle for denying treatment for apparently terminal illness the implications could be horrendous. Even if the principle were accepted, moreover, there are many people who would question whether judgments on "quality of life" are best left to doctors.

Later the explanation was added that the patient's behaviour, because of his mental condition, made it impossible to secure the minimum co-operation necessary if the treatment were to have any value. There will be immense sympathy for hospital staff dealing with some groups of very sick patients . . . "Extremely dirty . . . incontinent . . . he shouts and screams at the other patients and it is very upsetting." But there are some flaws in the argument, and buried in it perhaps is the suggestion that somehow these problems will go away if they are removed from the hospital ward.

The hospital emphasises that this was not a case of stopping treatment to make way for another patient (with a better quality of life?); there is no waiting list for dialysis at Oxford. That assurance will be accepted. But the background to this episode, in the mind of the public, is that there *are* situations where, in that awful phrase, doctors have to "play God," to take decisions about which patient shall be saved. Those deep waters have been slightly muddied by the conduct of the doctors at the Churchill.

TWO NATIONS: THE VIEW FROM THE NORTH—II

Standing on their own two feet or waiting for a hand-out?

I HEARD some encouraging sounds on my journey across the north of England, and some worrying ones. The most worrying was a widespread sense that the north is no longer able to help itself, that it has neither the gumption, initiative nor talent to tackle its daunting problems of industrial decline and unemployment.

We simply had to accept, said a senior educator in Barnsley, the limited nature of the north's intellectual resources. The drain of talent to the south had been going on too long. When someone good turned up, Michael Edwardes or Maxwell always said: "Let's have him down here!"

You could see the results of that drain in the area's passivity and sterility, he went on, the fact that it had so few positive ideas of its own. Its people expected London to provide them. The attitude was: "What are you going to do for us?" not: "This is what we'd like to do, would you help us finance it?"

Nor can his assessment be written off as the maunderings of an out-of-touch academic. If a leading Liverpudlian is to be believed, many northerners no longer regard it as *their responsibility* to do *anything about the present situation*. They pay their rates and taxes and expect the Government to do the rest. Even businessmen *see themselves as helpless victims* of forces beyond their control.

"I don't know what the north could do for itself," said Roland Long, a manager with International Harvester in Doncaster. "What mechanisms have we got? There's so little that's a matter of local determination.

"Thorn-EMI had a good plant in Yorkshire, but the London management shut it. So few companies here have the last word as to whether they stay in business or not."

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OTHERS (like one of ICI's senior managers) believe that the problem lies even deeper, that at root it is a question of moral fibre, that the north no longer has the will to keep going. Not, he added, that the south was very much better compared with what he saw in Finland, it just had more going for it at the moment.

Even devotees of market forces *turn coats when Stansted is given* the thumbs-up, Manchester Airport the thumbs-down. What the north needed, declared John Kidd, who has an office furnishing business in Cheshire, was something to counter the irresistible magnet of the south-east. Even if it was artificial to compel people to come to Manchester, what they needed was "a major artificial situation."

Guts and competitiveness were simply not enough. The Government had to come in and lend a hand. He believed in market forces, but . . . .

Thus the pessimists. Happily, there is another northern sound, more traditional and bracing, grounded in the belief that they are meant to stand on their own feet and not other people's—and that, that indeed, is the only way out.

There was no doubt, said a senior banker in Sheffield, that the north was becoming infinitely more provincial. He'd been to a local chamber of commerce dinner and everybody running a

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GRAHAM TURNER concludes his survey of northern attitudes

significant business had been born in south Yorkshire.

In most cases, their fathers and grandfathers had set those businesses up. They were the fruits of an earlier generation's innovation.

So many northerners were still living in the past. His own father, a former steelworker, regarded him as a parasite because he worked in a service industry. What his father wanted were mills. Yes, the north had mental as well as physical slag-heaps.

Regional aid certainly wasn't the way to change things. That was no panacea for attracting companies. They had the Rotherham Enterprise Agency down the road, but they weren't pulling in businesses that had gone there in preference to Basingstoke, but instead of Sheffield or Leeds. Reflation wasn't the way either. That would only knock costs to hell again.

The place the north had to start was with itself. The local CBI had done a (unpublished) survey of the area's prospects, and virtually everybody had said it was somebody else's fault—unions for demanding high wages, local authorities for levying high rates, government for lack of support: "It was Europe's fault, South America's fault, everybody's fault but ours.

"Nobody," the banker went on, "stood up and said 'it's my fault. I gave in to that wage rise. I didn't invest, I've not marketed my products well enough'—and those are all far more potent factors than regional aid. I firmly believe the responsibility for changing things lies *here*."

He had hearty support from the Master Cutler, Ian Porter. The north's problems, said Porter, had nothing to do with geography or the weather, their own mental attitude was the trouble. Why had Corby done so well after a disaster proportionately greater than Sheffield's? Answer: their attitude.

They didn't (unlike south Yorkshire) have a reputation for militancy, they didn't do blatantly self-destructive things, they didn't waste their energy blaming other people. "The fact is," said Porter, "that we—all of us—are largely to blame for our problems and, given the will to change, we can solve them."

So what is to be done? Many pessimists tout for Government investment in the infrastructure, while the self-help school declare flatly that the key is bringing down the cost of doing business in the north. "Until the cost base changes," declared Patrick Minford, applied economics professor at Liverpool University, "unemployment will not be solved."

The other *sine qua non* was for unions like the T and G to declare (like the Llanwern steelmen) that, in future, they were going to be competitive. At present, they did the opposite. The Merseyside County Council had just started a minimum wage campaign. All that would do, if it was effective—"which, thank God, it won't be," said Minford—was destroy thousands of female jobs.

Shrewd old union leaders, like Sid Weighell of the NUR, now living near Harrogate, are also convinced that, unless trade unions become as committed to efficiency as the bosses, the north will stay in a mess. He didn't rule out anything, said Weighell, including removing restrictions on the labour market, so long as it was done sensibly.

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THIS is the unanimous cry of the north's self-helpers, though they do not explain why low-wage industries like woollen textiles have taken such a battering. The Sheffield banker would, he claimed, take on 500 extra part-timers if he knew he wouldn't be stung for fringe benefits. He'd be happy to pay another school-leaver £35 but not £45, declared a café owner near Manchester.

One thing, at least, the self-*helpers and the pessimists* have in common: a desire for a calm dialogue with Government about the north's problems. The more strident the Far Left became, said one of the shrewdest men in Liverpool, the more the Government closed its ears. It was the Tories who had fathered the One Nation concept. If that could be turned into realistic policies, the Far Left would never succeed in their aim of creating two nations.

LONDON DAY BY DAY

Pooling memories of Lieut-Gen Horrocks

THE late Lieut-Gen. Sir Brian Horrocks's biographer, Philip Warner, tells me so legendary was his desire to lead from the front that his men would half seriously ask him to withdraw behind the lines—because as soon as the Germans found out he was there they would all be bombarded.

Horrocks stared death in the face during a number of engagements. After receiving terrible injuries at Bizerta at the end of the North African campaign his men gathered in despair around him as he lay in the dust. Horrocks rasped: "I don't like the look on your faces gentlemen but I can assure you I am not going to die."

In peace time Horrocks became an immensely popular Black Rod. During boring debates in the Lords he always managed to look busy by shuffling notes—in fact they were his football pools.

Change of habit

MRS THATCHER has, I hear, resolved to burn less midnight oil in future and is planning to restrict the amount of work she does in the small hours of the morning.

But the Prime Minister, whose voracious appetite for work and attention to detail is second to none, is keeping up her workload by spending more time studying her papers before breakfast. The change is understood to have stemmed in part from concern at the strain on her eyes from too much late-night reading.

She told friends recently: "I now find it far better to apply a fresh mind in the morning rather than reading long hours into the night."

Quiet corner

A SOMEWHAT STRANGE new posting for Oliver Miles, the Ambassador to Tripoli, during the Libyan siege in St James's, has been announced by the Foreign Office. He is to be our man in Luxembourg—widely regarded as a diplomatic backwater.

Miles, an Arabist, will have only a couple of other British diplomats to keep him company in Luxembourg—compared with the staff of 20 he headed before the embassy was closed down in Tripoli.

Nuclear fall out

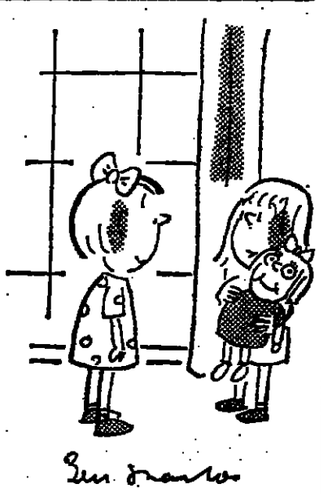
LADY OLGA MAITLAND's meeting with the Soviet delegation at the arms control talks at Geneva yesterday, at which she represented Women for Defence and Disarmament, all started with a lunch with Sergei Saenko, the head of Soviet television and radio in Britain.

Unfortunately, when Saenko turned up at El Vino's, the Fleet Street wine bar, the management took exception to his expensive jeans and cashmere sweater and insisted on a tie. The Soviet newsman explained to an embarrassed Lady Olga that he perfectly understood the reason for their ejection. In Moscow, capital of the workers' paradise none of the best restaurants will let you in without one.

Navy lark

MY STORY about the American Secretary for the Navy's efforts to bring traditional plain speaking back into naval language has prompted a reader to inform me that John Lehman owes much of his training to an English education.

Lehman spent 1966-67 as Captain of Boats at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. His success in bringing recalcitrant coxes and crews to heel was in part due, I am told, to his splendid grasp of the Anglo-Saxon vernacular.



"Let's play surrogate mothers."

The Young Liberals are up to their usual antics again—electing Arthur Scargill a Vice-president of their South-East Federation. Supporters of the miners' president fought-off a challenge from a raccoon glove-puppet named Rocky.

Tremlett time

CONSERVATIVE GLC councillors trying to remove their erstwhile housing spokesman George Tremlett from the party following his vociferous support for the campaign against the abolition of the council, have clearly been studying the tactics of some Left-wing Labour activists.

Following the removal of the party whip from Tremlett, a campaign to expel him from his association, Richmond and Twickenham, was led recently by fellow GLC Tory councillor Tony Arbour.

Too late, it was discovered that the disenchanted Tremlett had allowed his membership locally to lapse two years previously. Instead they found that he has joined an association in Wales, while continuing to commute to London to attend GLC meetings.

Snagge's snag

JOHN SNAGGE, whose voice was for years the hallmark of the BBC's vintage era of radio, is celebrating his 60th anniversary at the corporation with a lunch at Broadcasting House tomorrow.

Snagge, who is better known to younger listeners for his Boat Race commentaries, was formerly the BBC's Head of Announcers. He gave the nation news of historic events of peace and war and read the D-Day landings communique from a bulletin sheet which later Churchill and Eisenhower autographed for him.

His work was not, however, without its lighter moments. During the Boat Race his launch once broke down and Snagge, who could no longer see the crews, uttered the immortal words: "Either Oxford or Cambridge is leading."

Heston service

CHARLTON HESTON reacted coolly to suggestions yesterday that English audiences might expect him to play on an epic scale when he makes his first appearance in the theatre in this country later this month as Captain Queeg in "The Caine Mutiny Court Martial."

He thought the chances of theatre goers mistaking him for Moses or Michaelangelo—both roles he has played in films—was remote. "I don't think they will expect me to part the auditorium or paint the ceiling," he murmured laconically.

Toasting scare

A MAJOR anti-terrorist operation was mounted outside the Surrey home of Tory MP Peter Bruinvels the other day after an electrical device was seen obtruding from his letterbox.

Only after local residents were warned that they may have to evacuate their homes did the truth emerge. The object in question was a part ordered to repair Bruinvel's toaster.

Grave tidings

IN AN advertisement in the EASTERN DAILY PRESS, S. Ducker and Son Ltd, funeral directors, say they "would like to wish all our customer a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year."

PETERBOROUGH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Outcry about the birth of a child

SIR—Your front page carries this sentence (Jan. 7): "A decision that there must be urgent legislation to *outlaw* the bearing of children by surrogate mothers *for financial gain* has been made by Mr Fowler, Social Services Secretary."

If this is accurate then one can only exclaim "Oh Brother." Here is another example of a further invasion of the rights and freedom of the individual by a Government which professes to stand for the exact opposite.

It appears that the collectivist mentality is so ingrained into some of our legislators that immediately some pressure group or special interest raises its voice, in an attempt to force its opinions on the rest of the community, they jump to appease this vociferous minority.

If it should be argued that legislation is necessary for the protection of the child, it should be pointed out that this sort of baby is conceived and born after immeasurably more responsible consideration has been given to its birth than is the lot of millions of other children brought into the world, even in Britain.

It is no argument to say that the practice might be abused: this applies to every form of human activity, but does not constitute a sufficient reason for outlawing anything.

Perhaps it will be argued that "for financial gain" would justify legislation, and we know that there are plenty of people in the world that think that anything connected with the receipt of money must be evil.

At the same time many such people do not fail to collect their wages, salaries or stipends. Everybody who gives a service is entitled to be paid for that service, and the only person who is capable of fixing a price for that service is the one who is paying for it.

In my view the Government has no right even to consider what men and women do with their bodies of their own free will, let alone legislate about it.

The public outcry, if there is one apart from that being promoted by the salacious section of the media, can only come from busy-bodies who cannot refrain from attempting to force their own opinions down other people's throats, or from otherwise well-intentioned people who believe, mistakenly, that because they hold their own opinions sincerely and strongly, they are entitled to ask the Government to force them upon other people.

Nobody has this right and in a free society the only course that is permissible for the promulgation of one's own ideas and convictions is peaceful persuasion.

P. G. WALKER
Penton Mewsey, Hants.

Warnock Report

From the Rt Rev. ANSELM GENDERS

SIR—There has been an immediate outcry, and rightly so, about surrogate motherhood when a case came to light this past weekend.

Perhaps the geenral public should now read very carefully the recommendations of the Warnock Report which condemns commercialisation of such a practice, but does not plainly condemn the principle or practice of surrogate motherhood in itself.

Can we also extend our concern to the estimated 160,000 aborted babies a year, and to the experiments with fertilisation and embryonic life recommended by the Warnock Report?

ANSELM GENDERS
Community of the Resurrection,
Mirfield, W. Yorks.

Contracts for teachers

SIR—Reports about bonus and penalty systems for teachers prompt me to make two points. First that the quality of teachers does vary as does the quality of people in other walks of life, and they should be rewarded accordingly.

Secondly it *is* difficult to "weed out" incompetent teachers because the processes involved are too cumbersome and lengthy. While the process must be fair it also needs to be realistic. Perhaps we should move to fixed term contracts for teachers?

A. L. SAYERS
Leader, Devon County Cncl.
Plymouth.

Violence and cruelty in hunting

From Lord SOPER

SIR—I am happy to accept the challenge by Mr *John Hopkinson*, director of the British Field Sports Society (Jan. 2) to dissociate myself from any organisation that would give support to those who advocate law breaking and violence in the campaign to abolish hunting with dogs.

I have had the privilege of being the president of the League Against Cruel Sports for many years now and have chaired its annual general meetings. Accordingly I am aware of the views expressed by its members and the views held by its Executive Committee.

The League remains opposed to unlawful activities and particularly the use of violence toward any living creature. Indeed, detestation of violence is the principal reason for the League's existence.

To set a pack of dogs on to a wild creature, hound it to exhaustion and then tear it apart is, in my view, a violent and cruel act opposed by the overwhelming majority of British people from all walks of life.

I would not remain president of the League if it did not oppose violence to the human animal as well as the other creatures of the earth. What a pity that the director of the British Field Sports Society is unable to share the League's view and oppose violence to both animals and people.

SOPER
House of Lords.

Overseas representatives

From Sir JOHN BIGGS-DAVISON, MP (Con.)

SIR—I share some of the Rev. Basil Watson's recollection (Jan. 4) of the earlier Dom Mintoff. I first met him when serving, with a former Prime Minister and others, as an official observer of the referendum in which a substantial Maltese majority voted for integration with the United Kingdom.

The Colonial Secretary, the late Alan Lennox-Boyd, favoured this. Mr Watson blames the Foreign Office for the rebuff to Maltese loyalty. Thereafter Mr Mintoff who at rallies I witnessed had pleaded under the Union Flag for integration with Britain became anti-British.

Certainly, there has been Foreign Office hostility to this solution for smaller territories subject to international pressure for decolonisation despite the desire of their inhabitants to stay close to Britain.

One factor was the racial contempt of those who would not accept Maltest MPs at Westminster. They alleged that it would be unprecedented to seat representatives from overseas. In vain I recalled that there were two Calais burgesses in the Tudor House of Commons.

JOHN BIGGS-DAVISON
House of Commons.

Honour to Merbecke

SIR—In this European Music Year fall the anniversaries of Bach, Handel and D. Scarlatti, who will doubtless be commemorated in suitable musical festivals and celebrations.

It is also the anniversary year of the deaths of John Merbecke and Thomas Tallis (1585), the founding fathers of English Church music.

It should be a matter of national honour that Merbecke's liturgy and Tallis's Responses and Litany be sung at least once in every cathedral, chapel and parish church this year, as they were generally sung above 50 years ago throughout the land.

K. D. SHOLL
Cherry Hinton, Cambs.

Choice of Scargill

SIR—Things have come to a pretty pass when the great British public cannot think of anyone more interesting to nominate as BBC Personality of the Year than Arthur Scargill.

I, too, like to take part in this annual fun vote but this time I was at a loss to find a worthy candidate. It seems I was not alone in my dilemma.

CATHARINE BOYD BRENT
Ashreigney, Devon.

Good to come from evil in the Sahel

From Lord HYLTON

SIR—The Israelis have given a splendid lead to the world. They are providing, not just temporary relief, but long-term care, rehabilitation and resettlement, for one particular tribe from Ethiopia with whom they have distant kinship.

Many other tribes in sub-Saharan Africa are in a plight just as serious as the Falasha. The rich and developed countries of the world may not have the same sense of connection with a particular tribe, as has Israel.

Nonetheless European nations in the past administered large tracts of Africa, while North America, Japan and the Middle East are linked by trade to Africa.

Should not each country adopt a tribe, with a view to its permanent resettlement and social, economic, human and spiritual development in its own traditional setting? The adopted tribes in turn might become the inspirers of mutual aid among their neighbours.

Multi-lateral relief and aid is, of course, necessary through such bodies as the Food and Agriculture Organisation, the United Nations Commission for Trade and Development, the Lomé Convention, and the European Economic Community.

I can, however, remember the close link built between Somerset and a farm centre in Tanzania during and after the Freedom from Hunger Campaign of the 1960s.

Inspired by the Israeli initiative, is this not the sort of direct north-south co-operation that is now necessary?

I hope those who agree with this suggestion will write to the appropriate authorities.

HYLTON
Radstock, Avon.

Journey to Ethiopia

SIR—The dramatic exodus of Falashas from Ethiopia organised under Operation Moses once again rebuts the fallacy periodically expressed in the United Nations and elsewhere that the secular State of Israel is founded on racism. The Israeli sense of responsibility in aiding these black African Hebrews is truly amazing.

To enable the situation to be understood more clearly, it might be useful to trace briefly the origins of the Falashas.

In the days of ancient Israel, Hebrew colonists penetrated into Arabia and Ethiopia presumably along trade routes. They probably came by way of Egypt, Yemen or by boat along the Red Sea and adopted the name of Falasha or "stranger" to denote their foreign origin.

It appears that before the Christian era the ruling Amharic speaking people in Ethiopia were converted by the Falashas to the less sophisticated form of Judaism then prevailing.

According to Gibbon this revelation of the Mosaic Code subsequently facilitated the spread of an early form of Christianity into Ethiopia from which the Abyssinian Church evolved, though the Falashas remained aloof.

Despite this aloofness, according to Prof. Adrian Fortescue: "The most conspicuous characteristic of the Abyssinian Church is its Judaism. However this may be explained the fact is undeniable and very remarkable."

The struggle between the Falashas, pagans, Christians and Moslems continued for 2,000 years, during the course of which many principles and practices of the different religions were exchanged.

When the struggle ended, among other things, the Falashas had absorbed the Goddess Sanbat deifying the Sabbath as well as the Christian practice of monasticism.

The Abyssinian Monophysite Christians had absorbed the judaic distinction between clean and unclean animals, a veneration for the Ark of the Covenant, models of which (*tabot*) appear on the altar of every church, and the observance of Saturday and Sunday as days of rest on both of which they celebrate the Eucharist which they *term Consecration*. More important, however, they had gained power.

On the other hand, the Falashas, deprived of their kings, for whom they claimed descent from David, were reduced to a small minority and the status of serfdom. Yet, in spite of their poverty, they have to this day rigorously preserved their religious exclusiveness.

For those in the secular State of Israel responsible for dealing with the Falasha immigrants, the significant result of these historical events is the massive programme of mental, physical, spiritual, cultural and economic rehabilitation now required. One can only wish them well as they perform their Sisyphean task.

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Demand for inquiry over patients who are 'left to die'

By CHARLES LAURENCE

THERE were calls yesterday for a Government inquiry into the treatment of kidney patients as the case of a former mental patient from Oxford who was refused further dialysis treatment focussed attention on life or death decisions being made by doctors in N H S renal units.

Doctors estimated that about 2,000 patients a year are denied life-saving treatment because of a shortage of facilities, and said that Britain lagged behind the rest of Europe in treating kidney failure.

Mr Derek Sage, 44, was receiving the dialysis needed to save his life in a private London hospital yesterday.

The £1,200 a month for his treatment at the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth which is run by nuns will be paid by the British Kidney Patients Association, who say that he would have died by the end of this week if they had not intervened.

Mr Sage was refused further treatment after two years of dialysis at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford. Yesterday, Oxfordshire District Health Authority issued a statement supporting the decision made by Dr Des Oliver, the consultant in charge of the renal unit.

They said the decision had been taken "purely on medical grounds" and the fact that Mr Sage had been a dirty and difficult patient had not been the main reason for ending the treatment.

'Priority and more money needed'

Mrs Elizabeth Ward, president of the Kidney Patients' Association, said there should be a Government inquiry to make the health authorities realise that kidney treatment should be given priority within the NHS.

The Government should allocate more money to both kidney transplant and dialysis programmes so that doctors would not be faced with the kind of decision made over Mr Sage.

"Can you imagine what this whole terrible case must mean to dialysis patients up and down the country? Mr Sage's doctors wanted to swap him with another, healthier patient, but you cannot swap one life for another and you cannot say this man's life is more valuable, or worthier than another man's life."

Mrs Ward said doctors were "donning the black cap" regularly as there were not enough dialysis machines to go around.

Patients suffering from diabetes, spina bifida and major physical disabilities were being denied dialysis, and people on whom the State had spent a lot of money were "for the chopper" if kidney failure added to their disabilities.

Mrs Ward cited an example in which a 17-year-old girl and a mother of three had both required dialysis at the same hospital, which had facilities available for one only. The mother was treated, the girl was sent home and died.

Mother told to let child die

Mrs Jill Maslem, of Whitley, near eRading, said that her daughter, Tina, was refused dialysis at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, in the early 1970s when she was four years old.

"They said they could not help because she was too young. They said she had two years to live and I should take her home and let her die," she said.

But Tina, now 15, was treated at Guy's Hospital, and later received a kidney from her mother. She is now "as fit as a fiddle."

Mr Lewis Carter-Jones, Labour MP for Eccles, called for the Department of eHalth and Social Security to order an independent inquiry.

He said: "We need to know whether this man was denied dialysis because of the quality of his life. This is a very dangerous path to go down."

Britain has fewer facilities for treating kidney patients than any other European country. Government targets set early last year were to be able to treat 40 new patients per million of the population by 1987 and the present figure is about 30 per million.

In 1985, about 3,500 people contracted kidney disease capable of treatment but only 1,846 were treated.

Cuts 'condemn N H S patients'

Mrs Ruth Reid, secretary of the Oxford Health branch of Nalgo, the union which represents the staff at the renal unit where Mr Sage had been treated, blamed the decision on shortage of funds in the N H S.

Dr Chisholm Ogg, head of the renal unit at Guy's Hospital, said there were about 2,000 patients a year who could not be treated because of shortages of facilities but who could otherwise have been treated successfully.

The situation had improved over the last few years, however, and most patients who were not treated had other serious complication.

"We turn down bloody few patients who can really be helped and we are now treating virtually all young adults who need it," he said.

She said: "Day in, day out, doctors have to make decisions on who should live and who should die. The Government's policy of taking real resources away from the N H S is literally condmening people to death."

The transplant programme was given a boost following the Government's campaign to persuade the public to carry donor cards last year.

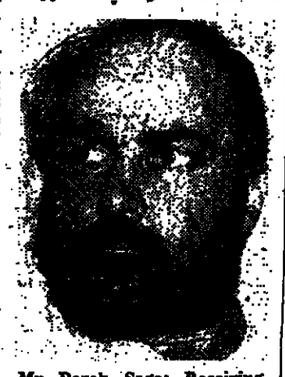
With more kidneys available, there were 25 per cent. more transplant operations, which, according to the Department of Health, allowed more patients on to the dialysis programme.

'Catastrophic' for over-65s

Chances of getting treatment declined, however, once the patient was more than 45 years old and the chances of treatment for the over-65s, regardless of their general health, were "catastrophic."

Dr Ogg said that few patients were turned down by the renal specialists. Most of the screening was done by G Ps and hosptial general physicians, and sometimes they failed to refer patients who could, in fact, be helped.

Treatment for Mr Sage was stopped on the grounds that his



Mr Derek Sage: Receiving private treatment.

"quality of life" was so low that the hospital was keeping him alive "officiously."

It was said that he was mentally defective and schizophrenic he should not have been offered dialysis in the first place.

Mr Sage, a former patient of the Littlemore mental hospital, was living at the Simon House hostel for homeless men in Oxford. Staff there said he was a much loved member of their community.

At the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, Mr Sage was not being told of the controversy surrounding his case.

He said: "I am tired and don't look forward to going on the machine, but I feel very well and I am very happy to be here."

The hospital administrator, Mr Stewart Twaddell, said that Mr Sage might be able to go to the hospital for dialysis sessions as an out-patient.

'Likely to die within months'

Mr Christopher Paine, general manager of Oxford District Health Authority, said in a statement that the decision to stop treatment was "just letting nature run its course."

He said Mr Sage's mental and physical condition was deteriorating so rapidly that his death was likely within weeks or months regardless of dialysis treatment. A major problem was his refusal to take

Mr Christopher Paine: "Decision was the right one."

blood pressure tablets. High blood pressure had caused irreversible mental deterioration.

Mr Paine said: "Mr Sage is a patient who cannot take instruction and cannot be controlled. He comes to the renal unit extremely dirty and he is incontinent.

"The first job of staff is to clean him up. He shouts and screams at the other patients and it is very upsetting."

Mr Paine said that, in Oxford no one who needed and could benefit from dialysis was turned away and that there was no waiting list for dialysis treatment.

Editorial Comment—Facing Page

Charlton Heston, who is to make his West End debut in "The Caine Mutiny Court Martial," pictured in London yesterday with Ben Cross, who will also be in the cast.

POLICE QUIT FORCE OVER TAX FEARS

SENIOR policemen are leaving the force early because of fears that the Chancellor plans to tax their golden handshake. Mr David Graham, Chief Constable of Cheshire, said yesterday.

He told the county's police committee that 35 senior officers in Cheshire are taking early retirement, almost double last year's figure of 19.

He said: "Officers are leaving because of apprehension about the Chancellor's intentions in his next Budget to tax their retirement lump sum. There are some difficulties in filling these places because they are in a key area of vast experience."

Unsocial hours

The officers rank from Mr Clifford Halsall, Asst Chief Constable, who retires at the end of this month, to chief superintendents, chief inspectors and sergeants. All had between 25 and 30 years service working shifts and unsocial hours, but none was leaving because of dissatisfaction with the job.

"I personally see all who are leaving the force and I have yet to find one who would say that given their time again they would do something different."

WOMAN DIES AFTER DOUBLE CHIN SURGERY

An inquest is to be held on a 26-year-old woman who died after an operation to remove her double chin. Mrs Amanda Martin, of Denmark Road, Northampton, died last week after the operation at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Buckinghamshire. It is believed she suffered a heart attack.

Mrs Martin, a trained nurse who had recently been working as an office clerk, had been waiting three years for the operation.

She had undergone plastic surgery to her nose before her marriage.

BISHOP TO QUIT 'WHILE I'M FIT'

The Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Rev. Maurice Wood, yesterday announced he is retiring on Aug. 26, his 69th birthday.

"I want to retire while I am still fit and while I am still able to move faster than my three archdeacons," he said. He was enthroned in October, 1971.

LEUKAEMIA BOY DIES

A nine-year-old laukaemia victim who flew to a clinic in Berlin in a final attempt to save his life has died. Nicholas Stott, of Duchy Avenue, Paignton, Devon, was told by doctors in Britain a year ago that he had just weeks to live.

Prince takes the helm for lifeboat 'rescue'

By JOHN SHAW

PRINCE EDWARD was at the helm of a lifeboat during a snowstorm in the Wash when men were hauled from the sea in a rescue exercise, it was disclosed yesterday.

The prince, 20, who is on holiday with other members of the Royal family at Sandringham, was at the controls of the 21ft semi-rigid inflatable Spirit of America during a 90-minute operation.

Details were kept secret until the Prince arrived at Hunstanton lifeboat station on Monday.

Arcti onditions had hit the East Anglican coast and during the exercise a snowstorm reduced visibility to almost nil. When the storm abated, the Prince opened the throttle so that the boat reached its top speed of 30 knots.

Mr Alan Clarke, the coxswain, said afterwards that the Prince, who is training to be an officer in the Royal Marines, "enjoyed it immensely."

Prince Edward undergoes officer-training during vacations fro mhis history course at Jesus College, Cambridge.

Mr Gerry Wase, a crewman, jumped overboard four times so that the prince could join in rescue attempt. He said: "I was wearing an immersion suit and a diver's balaclava. The temperature was about freezing but I was only in the water for a few minutes."

The crew staged a capsize of the inflatable with three members jumping into the water and then climbing back on to the stern. Prince Edward handled the controls for more than 45 minutes.

One crew member said: "He certainly knew what he was doing—a great chap."

INDIAN AIRLINES CONSIDERS AIRBUS OFFER

By Our Air Correspondent

Indian Airlines, the profitable domestic carrier with a budget of £500 million to spend on new aircraft, is considering a new offer from Airbus Industrie for as many as 30 airliners from Europe, despite a letter of intent signed last summer to buy American aircraft.

The letter of intent covered the purchase of 12 Boeing 757s. The new Airbus Industrie offer is for A320s, due to come off the production line in 1988.

"The letter we signed with Boeing is subject to final Government approval and does not compel us to buy their planes. We will seriously consider any offer we get." Mr R. Prasad, the economic adviser to the managing director of Indian Airlines, said in New Delhi.

EVIL CONMAN PREYED ON JOBLESS

A CONMAN who preyed on men desperate for work with promises of jobs in the Middle East which did not exist, was jailed for three years yesterday at Southwark Crown Court.

ROY HAYDEN, 45, a used car dealer, placed advertisements in areas such as Liverpool, Newcastle, Birmingham and Glasgow, chosen for their high jobless rate, offering highly-paid work to craftsmen.

Mr DAVID ASHLEY, prosecuting, said: "Applicants were then sent a detailed questionnaire asking about their previous work experience and were told to pay a refundable air fare to £250."

In the first post alone, Hayden was sent £28,000, said Mr Ashley.

8,000 replies

About 8,000 men responded to the advertisements and sackfuls of letters containing cash and cheques arrived at Hayden's office in Fulham Broadway.

Police foiled the racket after complaints were made about Hayden's company, CP Ltd, by suspicious applicants.

Hayden, of Wykin Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, denied conspiring to obtain money by deception.

WEST END DEBUT FOR HESTON

By KEITH NURSE
Arts Correspondent

CHARLTON HESTON is to make his West End debut next month, following a deal between the actors' unions, British and American Equity.

The 60 year-old actor noted for his roles in such films epics as "Ben Hur" and "El Cid", will direct and appear in "The Caine Mutiny Court Martial", which will open at the Queen's Theatre for a 13-week season after visits to Brighton, Bath and Manchester.

Mr Heston said at a reception in London yesterday: "This could be described as an historic breakthrough which allows a freer opportunity for both British and American players to work in the two countries.

"The actor, who will appear as Lt-Cdr Queeg, the role played by Humphrey Bogart in the 1954 film said: "London is still the capital of the world as far as the stage is concerned.

Until the recent union agreement only leading actors and actresses, and sometimes whole casts, have been allowed to cross the Atlantic under reciprocal arrangements.

Reciprocal deal

Mr Duncan Weldon, managing director of Triumph Apollo, the co-presenting production company, said: "This means that the door has been slightly prised open. The big names have never had a problem. The difficulty has involved supporting actors.

As part of the reciprocal arrangement, Alan Bates went to Los Angeles with "A Patriot For Me" last year.

Appearing with Heston and five other American actors in the production of the "Caine Mutiny" will be the English actor, Ben Cross, who appeared in "Chariots of Fire."

Based on the novel by Herman Wouk, the play was first presented in California before its presentation on Broadway.

Peterborough—Facing Page

Iraqi doctor with anti-Iran views stabbed 25 times

By T. A. SANDROCK Crime Correspondent

AN IRAQI doctor found bound and gagged and with more than 25 stab wounds yesterday, by the side of the M 4 near Reading, Berkshire, may have been attacked because of his anti-Iranian views.

Dr Enad Hamoudi, 31, had condemned the Iranian régime, its actions in the Gulf War and its being a haven for international terrorists.

The doctor, who has been studying at Bristol University for two years, had a letter published in a local paper in December, expressing his views.

Shortly after 6.30 am yesterday, a lorry driver saw a blue Talbot car, which Dr Hamondi owned, parked on the hard shoulder of the motorway between exits 12 and 11 on the eastbound section.

The car's hazard warning lights were flashing and one of the front doors was open. The lorry driver stopped and found the doctor lying by the side of the car.

Condition stable

He was taken to the Royal Berkshire Hospital, where he had an operation for stab wounds to his chest, stomach and face. Last night he was said to be out of danger and his condition was "stable."

Thames Valley Police said they were treating it as a case of attempted murder.

It is thought that the assailants could be Iranians seeking revenge for Dr Hamoudi's publicly voiced views.

Although registered at the university in the name Hamondi the letter the doctor sent to the BRISTOL EVENING POST, and which was published on Dec. 17, he had spelt his name Hammodi. According to the university either spelling could be accepted as correct.

A close friend of Dr Hamoudi, who also lives in Bristol, said that the doctor had been threatened with violence in an anonymous telephone call shortly after the letter to the BRISTOL EVENING POST.

The letter said:

"I would like to express, as an Arab and a Moslem, the strongest possible condemnation of those so-called Arab Moslems who terrified and murdered innocent hostages in a hi-jacked aircraft in Teheran.

"Many of my Arab friends like me living in England believe as I do that Iran, like Syria and Libya, provides aid and comfort for international terrorists and it should surprise no one that this aircraft was ordered to Teheran —the hi-jackers had friends there they could count on to support them in their work.

"But now that it is over it is certain not one terrorist will be found to stand trial in Kuwait or the U S A.

"No, they will have found safe haven to continue their work, while the Ayatollah takes a bath in whitewash."

Dr Hamoudi, a cardiologist, is studying for a higher medical degree and is a research assistant at the university's department of medicine.

RAPE HUNT POLICE TOLD TO RESIGN

TWO policemen who allegedly took part in a drinking bout at the home of a 34-year-old housewife while they were supposed to be on surveillance duty in the hunt for a rapist are being told to resign.

Det. Con. Karl Beesley and P c Eric Edwin were involved in the hunt for "the Fox" in July last year and were on watch outside the women's house in Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, concealed under a jeep.

But it was alleged they ended up inside the house, and senior officers were later called in by Mrs Elaine Pugsley, who claimed P c Edwin had thrown her on to a bed.

She also claimed the two men had drunk two-thirds of a bottle of gin and half a bottle of brandy.

Instantly suspended

Both men were instantly suspended and a report sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions, who decided that the officers should not face criminal charges.

But yesterday Bedfordshire police said that following an internal disciplinary hearing chaired by Mr Maurice Buck, Chief Constable of Northamptonshire, both men had been found guilty of three charges and asked to resign.

They were each found guilty of drinking on duty, neglect of duty and disobeying orders, but were cleared of the more serious charge of discreditable conduct.

The two officers say they plan to appeal against the sentence.

ITALIANS TO INVEST IN BBC FILMS

By Our Television Staff

The B B C has signed a six-figure deal under which Italy's R A I Channel 1 will invest "hundreds of thousands" of pounds in B B C documentaries over the next two years.

The agreement covers the next major natural history eries from David Attenborough, "The Mediterranean," due for transmission in Britain by 1987. R A I will also select up to 100 hours of natural history and science documentaries from series such as "Horizon," "World About Us" and "Q E D."

The B B C would not reveal the exact value of the agreement, which follows the enormous success in Italy of David Attenborough's "The Living Planet," which attracted a record audience for a documentary.

Japan sends probe to study Haley's Comet

By ADRIAN BERRY Science Correspondent

JAPAN yesterday launched its first deep space probe on a mission to Halley's Comet, which passes through the solar system once every 76 years.

The spacecraft, called Sakigake (Pioneer), is one of two Japanes probes and is part of an international attempt to study the comet. Europe and Russia are also sending craft.

The launch follows last month's Soviet despatch of two craft, Vega-1 and Vega-2, to meet the comet early next year. It is also Japan's first attempt to send a vehicle further than the earth's orbit.

The 300lb Sakigake was lifted by a three-stage Japanese rocket from the Institute of Space and Astronautical Science launching site at Uchinoura, in south-west Japan. The probe later left the rocket and headed toward an orbit round the sun.

Sakigake is due to reach the comet, about five million miles from earth, on March 11 next year. Japan will send up a second probe, known as Planet A, to study the comet the comet the following months.

Sakigake is carrying devices to measure solar wind plasma and interplanetary magnetic fields. Planet A will bear a camera to take ultra-violet photos of hydrogen clouds forming around the head of the comet as it nears the sun.

"From our observation we hope to learn how much water vaporises as the comet makes a swing around the sun, a key point for understanding comets," an institute official said.

The two Soviet craft, which will land instruments on the surface of Venues on the way to the comet, wil act as pathfinders so that Europe's "Giotto" craft can follow an accurate course.

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Indices scale peaks

STOCK markets went on to new heights yesterday as the better-than-expected money supply figures boosted hopes that current interest rate levels will not have to be raised.

Government securities advanced on a broad front as investment orders, previously held in check by doubts about the money statistics, were completed in double-quick time.

The industrial sections, which opened higher, but were showing signs of hesitancy before the money figures, gained a new lease of life in the last hour of official dealings and were still improving in late business.

The main indices established record levels, the "30" index closing 15·5 to the good at 971·2 and the "100" index 14·5 better at 1245·5 the previous highs were 955·7 and 1252·2 respectively.

British Telecom continued to improve on their already impressive premium and closed at 111p, against the 50p paid issue price. Other leaders in the limelight included Cable & Wireless, 10 higher at 485p, after 488p. B O C Group, 12 up at 261p, and Smiths Industries, 35 better at 714p, the latter ahead of the quotation ex the capital proposals, which will result in holders having four shares for every one now owned.

There was further talk in the market about prospective merger news involving P & O, 10 up at 324p, and Sterling Guarantee, 3½p better at 71p; speculators were suggesting that P & O could make a bid for Sterling Guarantee or that the get together could be aranged by the formation of a holding company.

Apart from Midland Bank, where various commentators poured cold water over suggestions of an outright takeover bid for the group and the shares lost 3 to 349p, leading banks were in good form. Lloyds closed 15 higher at 544p. Barclays 8 up at 572p, and National Westminster 5 better at 597p.

Although final quotations for gilt-edged were a little below the best in places, the market still presented a very firm appearance and, such was the interest that the Government broker was able speculation, but eased to 79p (still 7 higher) following the directors' statement that that had received to sell the remaining supplies of the tap, Exchequer 9¾ p.c., 1998.

Having shaded £¼ or so in business after the official close, the market seemed to be hardening again and the printed lists showed widespread gains of around £1.

In the brewery sector, J A Devenish continued their forward momentum, originally inspired by a brokers' recommendation, and closed another 5 higher at 550p. Better levels were also seen in Distillers, at 295p, Matthew Brown, at 286p, and Whitbread, at 225p.

There was revived takeover speculation in Marley, which ended 7 higher at 104p. Other building issues to attract buyers included Hepworth Ceramic, 6 up at 147p, George Wimpey, 5 better at 117p, and Meyer International, 4 firmer at 131p.

The blue chips were better for choice in after hours business, with gains of 8p to 10p showing in Courtaulds, at 142p, Grand Metropolitan, at 308p, Imperial Chemical Industries, at 738p, and Hawker Siddeley, at 441p.

Jaguar, which slipped to 261p early in the session, rebounded strongly in late business as American buyers again appeared on the scene; the final price was 276p, a gain of 9p.

Other leaders to make headway were—Glaxo, at £11¼, Unilever, also at £11¼, Tate & Lyle, at 455p, B A T Industries, at 358p, after 361p, and British Aerospace, at 395p.

Paper shares were supported in late business, with Bowater Industries 6 up at 236p, and Reed International, 12 higher at 552p.

Arrow Chemical forged ahead to 81p on renewed takeover no bid approach. Vague takeover suggestions accompanied gains in Redfearn National Glass, 7 up at 85p, Solicitors Law, 8 better at 54p, and Riley Leisure, 4 firmer at 45p.

Sudden demand ahead of the results, due on Friday, left Associated Newspapers 25 higher at 525p, while there was sympathetic strength in Daily Mail Trust, 30 up at 895p.

Stock shortage accentuated gains in Initial Services, 25 better at 530p, and Juliana's Holdings, 20 to the good at 215p.

Amalgamated Financial Investment hardened to 20½p on the news that Throgmorton Trust now owns a 19·55 p.c. stake in the group, while Pifco Ordinary gained 5 to 170p on the announcement that the company had made a purchase of its own shares. Delta Group were firmer at 110p on the completion of the reconstruction.

Good interim results saw Brasway jump to 56p before closing 6 higher at 51p. Buyers came for Wedgwood, at 206p, and Amersham International, at 356p, both up 10p.

Takeover suggestions were heard in B Elliott, 5 up at 61p, and Howard Machinery, 3½ higher at 11½p, the latter on whispers that F H Tomkins, which holds around 20 p.c. of Howard Machinery after its acquisition of Hayters, might decide to make an offer. F H Tomkins themselves were 8 up at 155p on further consideration of Monday's figures.

Small gains were usually the order of the day in property shares, but there was more substantial progress in Mountleigh, which jumped 55 to 285p on the interim report.

Stores were sagging in early business, but took a distinct turn for the better at the close. Gains of 7 to 14p were showing in Boots, at 200p. J Hepworth, at 185p. Great Universal A, at 699p, Woolworth, at 590p, and Harris Queensway, at 228p. Stead & Simpson A were also a good market at 165p, a rise of 11p.

Gold shares were brighter in line with a rally in bullion, which finished $5·75 higher at $302·25. F S Geduld rose £⅝ to £19½. President Brand £7 to £21½, Kloof £1¼ to £52, Vaal Reefs £¾ to £69½, and Randfontein £2½ to £80.

News of a major North Sea gas discovery focused attention on Tricentrol, 13 up at 198p. Britoil, 10 better at 205p, and Saxon Oil, 35 to the good at 375p. Burmah ended 9 up at 251p on late suggestions that today could witness a consortium takeover offer for the company, while stronger conditions also prevailed in British Petroleum, at 495p. Ultramar, at 215p, and Lasmo, at 338p.

There was a late burst in life insurances, where Britannic jumped 51 to 628p and Pearl £⅞ to £10⅛. Elsewhere, buyers left their mark on Royals, 13 higher at 530p, and Willis Faber, 18 to the good at 601p.

Tailpiece

THE shares of Prince of Wales Hotels touched 135p last September following news of a takeover approach and, although Comfort Hotels subsequently made an offer for the company, this came to nothing as a result of Ladbroke Group's successful bid for the Comfort group.

Seemingly left out in the cold, Prince of Wales' shares have reacted to 98p, but market men suggest that the company is "up for grabs" and that new bid developments may ensue in the fairly near future. Although the group's hotels are in the provinces and are perhaps a less attractive proposition than London-based properties, the hotels ranging from Brighton in the south to Harrogate in the north offer old-style architecture combined with modern internal facilities.

One wonders whether Quality Inns, which owns 80 p.c. of a company formed to manage Prince of Wales properties, might find the "elegance" image irrisistible.

ACCOUNT: December 24-January 11.
PAY DAY: January 21.
BARGAINS TRANSACTED: 25,657.
RISES: 810. **FALLS:** 283.
UNCHANGED: 932.
EQUITY TURNOVER (Jan. 7): Number of bargains 23,720; value £956·25 million.
Shares traded: 192 million.

F.T. STOCK INDICES, January 8, 1985

	Index	Change	1984-85 High	1984-85 Low
Indust. Ord.	971·2	−15·5	971·2	755·2
Govt. Secs.	81·49	−0·67	83·77	75·72
Gold Mines	455·2	+9·9	711·7	445·3
Fixed Int.	85·22	−0·15	87·48	85·43
Ord. Div. p.e.	4·45	−0·07	5·39	4·23
Earn Yld p.c.	11·33	−0·18	12·39	9·60
FT-SE 100:	1243·5	−14·5	1243·5	986·7

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RIGHTS ISSUES

Issue Price			
64	Bairstow Eves (nil pd)	6 pm	—
60	Burrows Prop (nil pd)	54 pm	—
485	Carlton Comms (nil pd)	150 pm	—
20	L.C.P. (nil pd)	14 pm	−3
255	Pub'ns Bros (nil pd)	48 pm	−3
178	Westpac (nil pd)	63 pm	—

RECENT ISSUES

Issue Price			
160	Access Satellite	192	−2
140	Alida Holdings	165	−1
100	Breakmate	111	—
150	Bdl. Tv com (50p pd)	111	+2½
105	C Vt International	148	—
160	Cambover	177	—
115	Craton Lodge	190	—
—	Eurotherm Int Copd	121	—
593½	Exch. Tel. (£1 pd)	558½	−3
170	Fleetland Oil	128	−10
79	Gabinet	90	−2
28	Healthcare Services	27	—
210	Internat'l Computers	240	+6
—	Isis Secretary Issue	120	+2
145	Isotron	225	—
—	Johnson Mt B's Pref	150	—
85	Klara Teknik	125	+7
—	Kinsley & Forecast	52	—
117	Media Technology	170	—
—	Monument Oil	24	−1
—	Optometrix	55	−1
140	Pentland Ind	97	+4
130	Pentos	160	—
70	Pasmec	75	—
92	Process Systems	93	−1
—	Prop. Co. Conf	125	−5
20	Rex Williams	20½	—
140	Share Prop Stores	224	−1
110	Tito Holdings	126	−1
136	Wardle Stores	198	—

TOURIST RATES

Australia	1·401 dollars
Austria	24·80 schillings
Belgium	71·50 francs
Canada	1·511 dollars
Denmark	12·67 kroner
Finland	7·56 markkaa
France	10·96 francs
Germany	3·57 marks
Greece	*158·00 drachmae
Holland	4·03 guilders
Iceland	*48·00 kronur
Ireland	1·151 punt
Israel	2110·00 shekel
Italy	*2,200 lira
Japan	293 yen
Malta	*0·6180 pounds
New Zealand	2·35 dollars
Norway	10·43 kroner
Portugal	*194·00 escudos
South Africa	2·45 rand
Spain	*197·00 pesetas
Sweden	10·32 kronor
Switzerland	2·97 francs
Turkey	500·00 lira
United States	1·15 dollars
Yugoslavia	*260·00 dinars

Rates indicate approximate foreign currency bank notes obtainable for sterling in Britain.
* Subject to rules.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

		Close	Day's range	Contracts traded	High-Low
Long Gilt	Mar	106·24	106·24–105·25	4241	110·13–105·06
	Jun	106·05	106·00–105·28	4	106·05–104·28
US T-bond	Mar	71·12	71·19–78·08	1927	73·24–59·23
	June	—	—	—	70·24–70·20
3 month £	Mar	89·80	89·84–89·45	1751	90·53–89·24
	June	89·88	89·74–89·44	1811	90·13–89·15
3 month Euro-dollar	Mar	90·78	90·81–90·72	5446	90·78–89·04
	June	90·19	90·23–90·30	576	90·19–89·63
Sterling	Mar	1·1465	1·1535–1·1450	505	1·2770–1·1375
	June	1·1418	1·1435–1·1370	702	1·1438–1·1370
D-mark	Mar	0·3185	0·3206–0·3177	87	0·3437–0·3165
	June	—	—	—	—
Swiss Franc	Mar	—	—	—	0·4015–0·3913
	June	—	—	—	—
Yen	Mar	0·3957	0·3954–0·3954	4	0·4109–0·3967
	June	—	—	—	—
FT-SE 100	Mar	123·80	124·20–123·05	276	123·80–112·00
	Jun	—	—	—	120·65–120·40

Contracts specifications include:
Long-Gilt—notional 20 year stock with 12 pc coupon and face value of £50,000.
US T-bond—notional 15 year stock with 8pc coupon and face value of $100,000.
3 month sterling eurodollars—$250,000. US$1 million with each settlement option.
Currencies are quoted against the dollar with face values of £25,000, Dm 125,000, Swf 125,000 and Yen 12,500,000.
FT-SE 100 quoted one-tenth the index with face value of £25 per index point, settlement cash only.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Option	Ex'cise Price	CALLS Closing Offer (P) JAN.	APR.	JULY	PUTS Closing Offer (P) JAN.	APR.	JULY
BP	460	40	48	57	5	12	20
BP	500	7	25	35	20	28	35
Comm. Union	180	11	21	25	5	8	10
Comm. Union	200	2½	11	15	13	18	20
Cons. Gold	450	28	42	52	7	17	22
Cons. Gold	500	6	27	32	52	47	56
Courtaulds	120	16	19	21	1½	3½	6
Courtaulds	130	6½	11	15	5	7	12
GEC	200	20	26	34	1½	4	6
GEC	220	3	13	20	10	13	16
Grand Met	300	11	25	30	7	15	20
Grand Met	330	2	6½	13	27	35	40
ICI	700	40	58	68	2	11	24
ICI	750	9	29	38	20	38	48
Land Securities	300	8	20	24	5	10	14
Land Securities	330	1	5	13	27	30	32
Marks & Spencer	110	12	15	20	1½	4	6
Marks & Spencer	120	3	7½	11	6	9	11
Shell	650	60	68	73	5	11	16
Shell	750	18	32	38	13	25	33
Trst House	300	46	49	55	1½	5	7
Trst House	330	17	26	32	3	7	14

Option	FEB.	MAY	AUG.	FEB.	MAY	AUG.
Barclays	500	80	85	95	5	10	15
Barclays	550	37	46	55	14	22	30
BAT Inds.	330	38	48	55	4	12	18
BAT Inds.	360	16	26	35	15	22	28
British Telecom	100	13	17½	20	1	3	3½
British Telecom	110	6½	11	14	4½	6	6½
Imperial Gro	160	26	39	43	2	5	9
Imperial Gro	180	16	21	24	4	8	10
LASMO	300	35	50	60	5	9	12
LASMO	330	24	35	42	12	19	20
Lonrho	180	11	16	19	6	10	12
Lonrho	180	1	6½	9	13	21	13
P & O	300	29	36	38	3	8	13
P & O	330	10	18	23	15	25	24
Racal	360	22	32	40	6	9	12
Racal	280	12	20	26	11	18	22
Sears	550	50	60	70	5	16	22
Sears	600	20	35	40	27	40	47
Vaal Reef	400	2	9½	12	6½	11½	14
Vaal Reef	450	2	6	8	11½	16½	20½

Option	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT.
Beecham	360	38	47	55	7	11	17
Beecham	390	18	24	30	20	38	35
Boots	460	62	80	87	6	12	15
Boots	500	22	30	37	17	33	38
Br Petroleum	420	24	42	52	42	57	70
Br Petroleum	460c	11	24	33	77	92	100
Br Petroleum	500	3	13	20	3	8	8
Br Petroleum	460p	20	24	28	8	13	16
GKN	180	29	34	40	3	5	8
GKN	200	14	20	24	8	12	15
Hanson Tst	300	44	50	51	4	7	12
Hanson Tst	330	26	30	41	9	14	20
Jaguar	240	29	36	38	4	7	12
Jaguar	260	16	22	26	9	14	19
Tesco	220	22	27	32	5	8	12
Tesco	240	10	16	21	13	18	20
FT-SE 100	1200	60	74	85	22	38	47
FT-SE 100	1250	33	47	65	45	64	77

TOTAL CONTRACTS: 10,638

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Better day for gold

CALMER conditions returned to precious metal markets yesterday after the recent sharp shake-out and the London gold price closed $5·75 higher at $302·25 an ounce. Dealers report light Swiss buying which helped gold reach $304·40 an ounce at one stage.

The FT gold mines index responded with a 9·9 points advance to 455·2.

Silver followed gold's lead with the London spot price 15·50p higher at 525·25p an ounce, and the free market platinum price was £2·40 up at £238·40 an ounce.

Robertson placing

STOCKBROKERS Grieveson, Grant placed 3·5m shares in Robertson Research equivalent to 28·7 p.c. of the equity, with several United Kingdom institutional investors.

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Yearlings up

INTEREST rates in the local authority yearling bond market have risen again this week—from 10⅝ p.c. to 10¾ p.c. The issues are again all at par and borrowers include Borough of Sunderland, Renfrew District Council, London Borough of Hillingdon, and Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council (£1m each), and Borough of Cynon Valley and Borough of Northampton (£500,000 each).

Mexico redemption

MEXICO plans to redeem early a $130m 17½ p. bond issued in February 1982 and due March 5, 1987, bond market sources said in London yesterday. The issue was launched just before Mexico's debt problems surfaced, since when the country has not been able to tap the public bond market.

German record

INSIRED by strong foreign buying share prices in Frankfurt put on another impressive performance yesterday with the Commerzbank index advancing 14·3 points to another high of 1,137·8.

Dealers said that growing confidence in the West German economy unleashed a flood of foreign buying orders, with selected bank and insurance shares well to the fore.

Burmah changes

TOP LEVEL changes at Burmah Oil, still the centre of takeover speculation, were announced yesterday.

Campbell Anderson, managing director, is leaving to return to Australia to a new job outside the group. He will be succeeded by Lawrence Urquhart, chief executive of Castrol.

Bakelite misfit

BRITISH Petroleum's chemicals subsidiary is seeking buyers for its loss-making subsidiary, Bakelite UK, bought in 1977 from Union Carbide.

The plastics operation does not fit into BP Chemical's future plans and the company has talked to several possible buyers but so far without concluding a deal.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (ANP CBS Gen)	158·00	+	0·50
BRUSSELS (Stock Index)	2,158·30	−	0·71
FRANKFURT (Commerzbank)	1,137·80	+	14·30
HONGKONG (Hang Seng)	1,283·01	+	1·14
NEW YORK (Dow Jones)	1191·70	+	1·11
PARIS (CAC General)	186·10	+	2·20
SYDNEY (All Ordinaries)	718·3	+	3·1
TOKYO (Nikkei Dow)	11,679·79	+	104·27
ZURICH (Credit Suisse)	330·90	+	3·40

U.S. RATES

Federal funds ... 8¼ p.c. (unch)
Treas. 3 month bills 7·88-7·75 (unch)
Long bonds ... $102·15 ($101·29)
Yield ..... $102·15 ($101·29)

U.S. COMMODITIES

GOLD (Comex): Jan. 296·70 (322·90). Feb. 298 (303·70). March 300 (305·40). April 301·70 (307·50). June 306 (311·90). Aug. 310·40 (317·30). Oct. 313 (321·20). Dec. 320 (326·10). Feb. 325·20 (331·40). April 330·50 (336·80). June 336·40 (342·80). Aug. 342·40 (348·90). Oct. 348·60 (355·00). Est. sales: 65,000 contracts.

Silver: Jan. 596·5 (604·1). March 599·3 (607·3). March 603·5 (610·9). July 611·2 (619·1). Sept. 623·1 (630·1). Dec. 637·1 (645·3). Jan. 642·6 (651·8). March 653·6 (662·9). May 665·6 (673·9). July 677·2 (686·1). Sept. 689·6 (698·4). Dec. 702·1 (710·1). Est. sales: 24,000 contracts.

COPPER: Jan 56·75 (57·15). Mar 57·45 (57·85). May 58·05 (58·45). July 58·45 (58·85). Sept. 58·75 (59·15). Dec. 60·15 (60·55). Jan 60·45 (60·90). Mar 61·45 (61·90). May 62·35 (62·85). July 63·20 (63·70). Est. sales: 5,000 contracts.

COCOA: March 2042 (2067). May 2108 (2134). July 2169 (2203). Sept. 2210 (2243). Dec. 2250 (2283). March 2338 (2373). Est. sales: 4,094 contracts.

CHICAGO (Wheat): March 340¾ (341¼). May 354 (354¼). July 364¼ (364¼). Sept. 375¼ (375¼). Dec. 391¼ (391¼). Corn: March 261¼ (270¼). May 274¼ (276¼). July 277¼ (279¼). Dec. 285¼ (287¼). Sept. 271¼ (273¼). Nov. 268¼ (270¼). March 276¼ (278¼). May 283¼ (285¼). Oats: March 171¼ (171¼). May 173¼ (173¼). Soybeans: (178¼). Nov. 156 (161¼). March 378¼ (381¼). May 373¼ (377¼). July 367¼ (368¼). Nov. 349 (351¼). Jan. 357 (360¼). Est. sales: 35,000 contracts.

FT—ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Group	619·21	(+8·44)
"	657·69	(+8·52)

Reagan makes Baker Treasury Secretary

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

AFTER WALL STREET and Washington overcame initial surprise, there was cautious approval yesterday for President Reagan's decision to have Treasury Secretary Donald Regan swap jobs with James Baker, the White House staff chief.

At the very least the nomination of Mr Baker to the cabinet post signals a renewed determination on the President's part to win congressional adoption this year of his omnibus tax reform Bill and to make a substantial reduction of the predicted $180 billion budget deficit through additional programme spending cuts.

While Mr Baker, 54, has been an Assistant Commerce Secretary under the Ford Administration and was a Houston tax attorney earlier in his career, he is not viewed as having a broad background in economic theory or finance.

But he is a recognised peerless strategist in the legislative wars with Congress and can be expected to devote greater energies to the crucial struggles that get underway in a fortnight when Mr Reagan unveils his budget and economic proposals for 1986 programmes.

"I would not expect Secretary Baker to undertake any major policy changes on the strength of the dollar or the interest rate differences between America and its trading partners. But I would expect a lessening of the ideological tensions between the Treasury and the Federal Reserve.

Mr Baker is too much of a pragmatist and has too much else to do than to fight with the Fed," said a Morgan Guaranty spokesman.

What remains unclear is whether the job swop is part of a more thorough house-cleaning of the entire Reagan economic policy staff that would force from office the squabbling enclaves of monetarists, supply-siders and other conservative theorists and replace them with appointees more concerned with the President's own agenda.

Coincidentally, the Administration's senior banking regulator, Mr C. Todd Conover, the Comptroller of the Currency, announced he would return to the private sector early this spring even though his term of office does not expire until the end of 1986. Mr Conover is only the latest of a series of resignations among senior banking agency officials.

The job swop also was seen as giving Mr Regan, now 71, a potentially more potent position as the President's most trusted personal adviser on economic policy matters.

"At the very least it gets the Secretary out of the clutches of the monetarists on his staff such as monetary Under-secretary Beryl Sprinkel and Economic Assistant Secretary Manuel Johnson," said an aide to budget director David Stockman.

"We had been joking that Don was a monetarist on Monday, Wednesdays and Friday but once we get him to the White House he will be down to once a week."

On Wall Street share prices managed to eke out a second straight day of advances as the Dow Jones industrial average traded fractionally further to close 1·11 higher at 1191·70.

● Sterling in New York closed unchanged at $1·1416.

● James Baker's appointment was seen in London as a positive move by President Reagan to make sure that his package of budget cuts gets through Congress. Mr Baker is regarded in Europe as a shrewd, political operator *who is liked and trusted* by the Republican leadership in Congress.

Financial analysts believe greater international confidence in President Reagan's budget cutting moves will lift the present pressure for a higher dollar and could pave the way for lower interest rates on both sides of the Atlantic.

Tax cuts not best way says Hattersley

By FRANCES WILLIAMS

THE GOVERNMENT'S claim that tax cuts provide a more effective route to new jobs than an increase in public investment is not supported by the economic evidence, Mr Roy Hattersley, the *shadow chancellor*, said yesterday.

Work done by independent economic forecasters and the Treasury's own computer model of the economy demonstrated that public investment was twice as potent as income tax cuts in creating jobs.

A £1·5 billion reduction in taxes — the sum the Chancellor says he expects to have available in the Budget—would reduce unemployment by 35,000 after two years. The same sum spent on public investment would shrink the dole queues by 73,000, Mr Hattersley said.

Suggestions by the Prime Minister and the Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, that imports accounted for a higher proportion of capital spending than spending on consumption were misleading, he argued.

Government figures showed that about 20 p.c. of consumer spending leaked into imports compared with 30 p.c. for investment.

These figures, however, failed to distinguish between public and private investment. Public investment alone had a far lower import content than private consumption.

For construction it was only 15 p.c., while for electrical consumer goods—on which a large part of extra consumer spending would go—the figure was nearly 42 p.c.

Mr Hattersley, speaking in St Albans, said the Chancellor could afford to take the low paid out of tax and increase benefits for the poorest families by leaving public borrowing unchanged next year and raising taxes on the better-off who had benefited to the tune of £3 billion from successive Tory budgets.

A contrasting view comes from the Adam Smith Institute, the right-wing think tank. In a report published yesterday, entitled THE JOB CREATION MACHINE, the Institute rejects the notion that higher spending on public works increases total employment and recommends a package of measures designed to help small businesses replicate their success in creating jobs in the United States.

RMC in £22m mop up

RMC Group, the largest ready-mixed concrete manufacturer in the world, is spending DM80·5 million, around £22 million, taking up an option on the 50 p.c. of Rheinisch-Westfaelische Kalkwerke AG, the West German lime and limestone suplier and building materials group, it does not already own.

It paid DM8·7 million, then about £16·4 million, for its original holding in 1981.

The group is also adding further to its presence in the fast growing "sunshine" belt in the United States, with the acquisition of Allied Products of Atlanta, Georgia, for some $6 million, about £5·22 million, cash.

The West German acquisition has been funded via vendor placing of 5·9 million new shares—some 6·2 p.c. of the equity—which was completed yesterday in under an hour, at just over 376p a share against a market price 2 lower at 386p.

In 1983 RWK supplied some 1·7 million tonnes of lime to the steel industry, increasing this slightly in 1984, and is expecting a further improvement in the current year.

Nationwide switches networks

By RICHARD NORTHEDGE

THE LARGEST member of the Building Societies Association's company developing a joint automated cash machine network, the Nationwide, has resigned and joined a consortium creating a similar rival network with the Abbey National building society and various banks, plus the Post Office.

The £8·7 billion Nationwide explained yesterday that it wanted to be part of a wider financial services network, rather than linked only with other building societies.

The Nationwide has thus joined the Link group — although another of its members, Save & Prosper, the unit trust and pensions associate of bankers Robert Fleming, has just left the group and intends using cash machines connected with Visa.

Nationwide is joining a consortium called FTS which includes Citibank, American Express, Dunbar — part of AT's new Allied Hambro subsidiary — HFC Trust and Western Trust & Savings, together with smaller building societies including the Sussex County, Britannia, Town & Country, Yorkshire, Gateway, Portman and Peterborough.

This consortium is a partner with the country's second largest building society, the Abbey National, plus the post office's National Giro, in creating the Link network of automated teller machines. Co-op Bank has yet to complete its partnership agreement.

Both the Abbey and the larger Halifax remained outside EFT Ltd, the electronic funds transfer subsidiary formed by the Building Societies Association, *but the Nationwide and the next* six largest societies did become shareholders. Now the Leeds will be the largest member.

Both EFT and Link are creating networks of cash machines, usable by customers of any other members. Nationwide has been worried, however, that the network would mean it losing funds by machine to smaller societies which offer better rates.

Nationwide hopes to have 50 cash machines installed by the end of 1986, and 120 by mid-1987. That compares with 220 being installed by the Abbey, the first of which will be operating by March, and 180 by National Giro. The machines will all accept cash and give statements besides allowing withdrawals from accounts.

The country's largest building society, the Halifax, is declining to join these networks, but already has its own automated teller machines in operation. Like the Halifax, the Nationwide is expected to designate a special account with its own interest rate for use with the cash machines.

● THE £655 million Coventry Building Society is planning to merge with the £277 million Warwick-based Heart of England society. Proposals are expected to be put to members in the summer with the merger effected later this year, when assets will exceed £1 billion.

CITY COMMENT

Better going on M3 cools base rate fears

BETTER - THAN - EXPECTED money supply figures yesterday removed the immediate threat to interest rates but the Government is not out of the wood just yet. Niggling worries over the pace of bank lending and the uninspiring performance of sterling continue to hover in the background.

Still, the 0·5 p.c. fall in sterling M3 in the December banking month, at the bottom end of the market expectations, gave a welcome fillip to government stocks, which leapt by up to $1 and helped lift shares to yet another peak.

Three-month interbank money, a key determinant of the cost of funds to the banks, finished the day fractionally above 10 p.c., down ⅜ p.c. from Monday. At these levels bank base lending rates of 9½ p.c. (9¾ p.c. in the case of Barclays) look *only slightly* uncomfortable.

The drop in M3 brings its annualised rate of growth since the start of the target period last February back to the top of its 6 to 10 p.c. permitted range, and *there are high hopes of good* figures to come next month.

The huge build-up of bank deposits by prospective investors in advance of the British Telecom sale, a principal cause of the unnerving 2¾ p.c. jump in the money supply in November, has at least partially unwound, and the receipts of the sale of £1¹⁄₄35 billion helped push Government finances into a £1 billion surplus.

More unwinding of British Telecom cash, as disappointed *investors bestow their money elsewhere*; and the £1·25 billion boost to Government coffers from accelerated payment of VAT at the ports, should ensure low monetary growth in banking January, especially since the new-found *spirit in the gilt-edge market* should enable the Government to resume its lapsed funding programme.

A 1½ p.c. surge last month in Mo, the narrow target measure which consists mostly of notes and coin, is being directly attributed by the Bank of England to British Telecom transactions and is expected to reverse itself in January.

But the markets were less pleased with the £1·5 billion increase in bank lending, slightly above the £1·4 billion average over the preceding nine months, which increases the Government's need to sell stock to offset the upward push to monetary growth.

And the *foreign exchanges*, deprived of an interest rate rise, saw the pound lose its overnight gains to close last night in London at $1·1495, higher than Monday's record low of $1·1445 but disappointing in the light of firmer spot *oil prices and a weaker dollar.*

Yearlings edge higher

THE money supply figures came *out too late to save local authorities* issuing new one-year bonds this week from having to pay more for their money yesterday. About a dozen authorities had to offer 10⅝ p.c. compared with 10⁵⁄₁₆ p.c. at the previous week's issues. The coupon *on 18-month bonds went up ⅜ p.c.* to 11 p.c. and on longer dates rose by ¼ p.c.

But the volume of new yearling bonds issued was only £10 million, split among about a dozen local authorities, compared with the *recent averages of around £20* million a week. Some at least of the authorities whose turn had come to tap the market weighed up the chances of being locked into an artificially high rate of interest, and decided to wait a while, or draw on the Public Works Loans Board, as the Government in recent years has encouraged them to do.

But the local authority bond market is also liable to shrink now the local authorities which have been subjected to rate-capping have voluntarily abstained from offering new bonds since the Government decision was taken rather than risk having to offer bonds at a discount or suffer the indignity of *finding no buyers.*

The existing bonds of rate-capped councils are already quoted to yield perhaps ¼ p.c. above the run of the market but that too is nominal. There is virtually no business in these bonds, and existing investors are simply waiting for them to mature.

But bonds are only a very small part of the funding operation of local authorities. Most of the money they raise from the market comes from deposits arranged *through specialised local authority* loan brokers, such as Butler Till and Fulton Packshaw. They insist that rate-capped councils, which include most of the very biggest authorities, including the GLC and the metropolitan councils, are still able to raise all the finance they need at very fine rates.

There have always been some lenders who have insisted in lending only to "true blue" councils, but it is they who have to settle for slightly lower than market rates, not the big borrowers who have to pay slightly above the market, say the brokers.

Calculating conglomerates

IT USED to be thought that conglomerates were inefficient. But according to a book published today* which examines Britain's top 1,000 companies in the years between 1970 and 1980 the opposite is true.

Of the companies which did not change strategy during the ten year period, conglomerates came out top in terms of return on capital employed, and "companies which have diversified have performed significantly better than the non-diversifiers with respect to shareholders' return, sales growth, and return on capital employed."

George Luffman, co-author ruefully that as lecturer in business studies at Bradford Management Centre "I've been teaching rubbish for the past ten years" in depreciating conglomeration. But he notes chairmen themselves are uneasy and always deny diversification, claiming acquisitions are really congruent with existing business.

Another sacred cow encountering Mr Luffman's humane killer is that you ought to pick a winning sector in buying shares. But the disparities within the sectors are so enormous sector averages are meaningless.

Share prices on the other hand tended to stick more closely to the average for the sector, despite the differences in corporate performance. And the price investors were prepared to pay for shares did not reflect the degree of risk.

*The study produced a third chal*lenge to the conventional wisdom. According to Mr Luffman large companies are not lumbering dinosaurs. During the period of the study the two ends changed places; large companies became more efficient and small companies less. This may have been the result of excess labour being shed by the big businesses during the downturn, and then benefiting from

The book even concludes that "big is beautiful" while state intervention in small companies has been "substantially less successful. But just to check that huge conglomerates really are best for country and investor, and that textbooks need rewriting, the authors are now working on a follow up for 1980-85 to see if the conclusions still hold.

The Strategy and Performance of British Industry, 1970-80, by George Luffman and Richard Reed, Macmillan £25.

Hectic trading on oil market

OIL prices jumped by almost $1 a barrel in hectic spot market trading as the cold snap throughout most of Europe brought more buyers into the market. But prices were still below contract charges.

North Sea Brent oil was in heavy demand, gaining 35 cents to $26·65 a barrel reducing the discount on the official $28·65 price to $2.

Quotations for delivery next month *rose by 50 cents to $26·55* while prices for March shipments soared by 90 cents to $26·40 a barrel.

The British National Oil Corporation, the main North Sea trader, denied it had abandoned the current contract price but confirmed it was selling at spot market related levels. The corporation said it was considring a number of options about first quarter pricing and said no firm proposals had been put to suppliers.

Allied Breweries speeds changes

ALLIED Breweries is to accelerate decentralisation and "concentrate resources on brand marketing and retailing" following a board shake-up announced yesterday.

Richard Martin, a director of Allied-Lyons, the parent company, becomes managing director of Allied Breweries in succession to Douglas Strachan, whose departure was disclosed last week.

A string of other appointments includes the new positions of assistant *managing* director of Joshua Tetley, and Royston Moss, joint managing director of Ind Coope.

TSB banking lifts profits

THE CENTRAL Trustee Savings Bank, the wholesale banking arm of the TSB group, increased its operating profit from £18·7 million to £20·4 million in the year to November.

The news was taken as confirmation in the City that the TSB will be well received by investors when it goes public, some time late this year of *early in 1986.*

SE continues membership talks

THE Stock Exchange Council is to convene another special meeting today to continue discussions on the terms and conditions of membership under the system due to come into effect after 1986.

A lengthy council meeting yesterday resulted in several changes being put forward to the report on new membership by a sub-committee. Amongst the most contentious matter remains the idea of selling "seats" on the Exchange to new entrants. Different firms have very different ideas about how much, if anything, should be charged and how that money should be distributed.

Expectations are that agreement on general principles may be reached today but details, such as the actual fees, will still be subject to debate.

Midland credit rating dips

By ANNE SEGALL

MIDLAND BANK'S credit standing in America has been hit by last week's news of huge losses in California, with one of America's two leading rating agencies moving yesterday to formally downgrade the bank's long-term paper.

Moody's Investors Service took the lead yesterday afternoon with an announcement that Midland's debt rating is to decline, from AA2 to AA3. Standard and Poor's, which *already takes a gloomier view* of Midland's financial strength, is expected to announce its own grading decision later today.

The rating move will be seen as a major humiliation for Midland which is likely in future *to be rated on a par with its* own troubled Californian subsidiary, Crocker National. Crocker has just announced losses of $324 million £279 million) for 1984.

But Midland executives were confident yesterday that the rating changes, which affect the bank's long-term debt issues only, will have no impact on its overall funding costs.

They noted that Midland's commercial paper rating, which governs the price paid for short-term deposits, has not been changed by the American agencies.

Midland is also understood to be in a *highly liquid* position, with little need at the moment for additional funds.

Moody's decision means that Midland now occupies a position two rungs below its British rivals, Barclays and National Westminster.

Lloyds, the only major British bank yet to raise long-term money in America, has never been rated.

UK lorry sales fall by 2.7 pc

BRITISH commercial vehicle makers lost more ground to foreign competitors last year as sales rose marginally from 267,839 in 1983 to 269,003.

Sales of British-made vehicles were down 2·7 p.c. to 171,561 while imports rose by over 6·5 p.c. to 97,442 to take 34·2 p.c. of the market, a full 2 p.c. gain.

Ford maintained its overall market leadership, although sales were down from 74,864 to 72,221. British Leyland's problems were underlined with a drop from 55,505 in 1983 to 49,397.

General Motors sales were up from 36,672 to 39,220 while Mercedes-Benz was the leading importer with sales of 10,394, an increase of 590, after an aggressive drive in the trucks and articulated vehicle sector where it accounted for almost 10 p.c. of the business.

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1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yd %	P/E Actual	P/E Fully Taxed
142	123	Ass. Brit. Ind. Ord.	142	—	6·6	4·6	7·9	9·4
149	135	Ass. Brit. Ind. CULS	149	—	10·0	6·7	—	—
77	52	Airsprung Group	55	—	6·4	12·0	5·8	7·1
42	26	Armitage & Rhodes	41	—	2·9	7·0	5·1	8·3
133	108	Bardon Hill	124	−1	3·4	2·5	15·5	22·5
58	42	Bray Technologies	49	—	3·3	7·1	5·7	8·1
201	163	CCL Ordinary	175	—	12·0	6·9	—	—
152	114	CCL 11 p.c. Conv. Pref.	114	—	15·7	13·8	—	—
804	100	Carborundum Ord.	804	+1	5·7	0·7	—	—
86	64	Carborundum 7·5% Pref.	86	—	10·7	12·4	—	—
105	74	Cindico Group	74	—	—	—	—	—
75	51	Deborah Services	65	—	6·3	10·0	6·1	10·0
240	182	Frank Horsell	240	—	—	—	9·6	12·6
206	170	Frank Horsell Pr. Ord. 87	206	—	9·6	4·6	8·3	10·8
51	25	Frederick Parker	50	—	4·3	14·3	—	—
50	33	George Blair	49	—	—	—	5·5	6·6
50	28	Ind. Precision Castings	38	—	2·7	9·6	7·8	8·3
218	200	Isis Group	200	—	15·0	7·5	7·9	14·4
124	105	Jackson Group	105	—	4·9	4·6	4·9	9·5
265	215	James Burrough	222	—	15·7	4·9	10·0	10·0
95	85	James Burrough 9% Pref.	85	—	12·9	15·9	—	—
84	71	John Howard & Company	84	+1	5·0	6·0	8·6	12·2
147	100	Linguaphone Ord.	146	—	—	—	—	—
100	85	Linguaphone 10·5% Pref.	97	—	15·0	15·4	—	—
535	300	Minihouse Holding N.V.	595	+15	5·8	0·7	42·8	46·3
120	31	Robert Jenkins	32	—	5·0	15·6	—	—
60	28	Scruttons "A"	28	—	5·7	20·4	14·7	3·4
92	61	Torday & Carlisle	35	—	—	—	9·1	19·3
444	370	Trevian Holdings	370	—	4·3	1·2	21·0	20·7
27	17	Unilock Holdings	26	—	1·3	5·0	12·6	18·2
84	61	Walter Alexander	84	—	7·8	8·0	9·3	11·5
247	226	W. S. Yeates	226	—	17·4	7·7	5·4	10·8

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UNIT TRUST PRICES

AUTHORISED TRUSTS

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
128·0	97·5	Abbey American Tst	116·7	*124·2
73·8	57·8	Abb.Assets&EarnTst	69·0	73·8
84·4	67·9	Abb. Comd. & Ener.	73·0	78·1
169·1	66·6	Abbey General Tst	161·6	168·1
125·6	114·3	Abbey Gilt & F. Int.	111·9	*117·2
73·2	52·6	Abbey H. Inc.Eq.T.	67·2	72·5
162·6	127·2	Abbey Japan Trust	159·0	170·1
70·1	57·2	Abbey UK Gwth. F.	65·2	70·1
170·2	147·4	Abb. Worldwide BT.	159·1	*169·5
163·7	128·8	Eumnas Prov. Tst.	150·1	160·5

AITKEN HUME FUNDS MANAGEMENT LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
58·4	49·5	American Majors Fd	54·5	58·3
163·1	110·3	American Tech. Fd.	120·0	128·5
52·0	35·3	Energy Fund	36·0	38·5
444·2	397·3	Exempt	417·1	444·2
75·7	12·6	Japan Tech. Fund	66·7	71·4
166·0	123·2	Pacific Fund	131·7	140·9
116·7	117·7	Secure Income Fund	137·1	146·7
30·8	25·3	Small Companies Fd	28·7	30·6
182·4	146·4	Special Sits. Fund	160·9	171·2

ALLIED UNIT TRUST LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
425·3	353·0	Allied Accum. Trust	401·2	425·5
30·5	25·0	Allied Amer. Inc.Tst	28·6	30·5
60·2	43·2	Allied Am Spec. Sits	55·5	56·7
162·3	127·5	Allied Ass. Val. Tst.	153·1	*162·3
225·0	226·9	Allied Balanced Tst.	267·8	*731·9
177·5	156·5	Allied Capital Trust	185·3	197·5
103·2	78·8	Allied Eq. Inc.Trust	93·6	*99·2
166·6	132·8	Allied First Trust	157·2	166·6
32·4	30·0	Allied Gilt Gwth Tst	31·0	32·4
31·6	27·7	Allied Govt. Sec. Tst.	28·1	29·4
106·0	85·5	Allied Gwth & Inc.T	100·4	106·4
185·4	148·5	Allied High Inc. Tst	174·1	184·5
119·0	98·0	Allied High Yield T	112·2	118·9
62·9	53·6	Allied Internat. Tst	63·9	67·1
71·7	51·4	Allied Japan Trust	66·1	70·1
110·4	65·3	Allied Met Min&Cm	87·6	92·6
150·0	119·9	Allied O'seasEarn.T	146·2	*155·0
130·0	99·9	Allied Pacific Trust	125·3	*133·6
56·0	44·1	Allied Recovery Tst	52·8	56·0
96·1	84·6	Allied Smaller Co'sT	89·3	*76·4
131·9	103·5	Allied Sec.Sits. of T	121·6	131·3
180·8	135·9	Allied Sec of Amer T	166·5	*176·5
94·6	74·8	Allied Technology T	86·0	91·1

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
53·8	41·8	Capital Fund	49·9	*53·2
57·7	44·1	Capital Acc	53·1	57·1
126·1	81·3	Commodity Fund	78·6	84·0
176·8	159·2	Commodity Acc	133·6	139·6
65·4	46·5	Commodity 10% Wdl	43·4	46·4
107·9	78·1	East'n & Intnl. Acc.	99·1	105·9
62·5	45·9	East. & Intnl 6% Wdl	57·1	61·4
45·1	34·6	Finance & Property	41·6	44·4
71·5	54·7	Foreign Growth Fd.	63·4	67·6
49·2	43·5	Gilt & Fixed Int. Fd.	43·7	45·9
86·8	47·8	High Income	54·2	57·9
126·7	100·7	High Income Acc.	118·5	126·7
73·6	55·1	High Inc. 8½% Wdl.	68·9	73·6
61·0	51·3	High Yield	57·1	*61·0
146·6	122·1	High Yield Acc	137·1	*146·6
76·2	60·9	North Amer & Intnl	70·3	75·1
26·7	24·5	Preference	24·5	*25·9
75·2	67·3	Preference Accum.	70·0	*73·2
89·7	72·8	Smaller Co's Fund	82·0	87·7
11·6	8·9	World Penny Share	8·9	9·5

ARCHWAY UNIT TST. MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
218·2	171·3	Archway Fund	205·1	*218·2

ATLANTA UNIT TRUST MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
59·3	43·6	Japan & Far East	51·7	56·0

BARCLAYS UNICORN

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
78·1	56·7	Unicorn Amer'n Tst	71·4	75·9
135·5	101·1	Unicorn Aust. Inc.	105·1	*111·6
155·5	136·3	Unicorn Aust. Acc.	144·5	153·7
170·7	136·5	Unicorn Capital	160·5	170·7
318·6	243·8	Unicorn Exempt	299·6	318·6
65·3	46·2	Unicorn Extra Inc.	52·0	65·3
62·8	139·4	Unicorn Financial	170·9	*181·8
195·0	155·1	Unicorn 500	181·5	193·0
104·6	79·4	Unicorn General	98·4	104·6
61·3	50·1	Unic.Gilt & FixedIn	51·0	*53·3
106·5	87·0	Unic. Great Pac. Inc	97·7	103·9
107·4	78·3	Unic.Great Pac. Acc	98·6	104·8
132·5	105·8	Unicorn Growth Acc	123·6	*132·5
242·5	185·7	Unicorn Income	228·0	242·5
105·3	82·0	Unicorn Prof Assnces	97·2	103·3
139·5	114·1	Unicorn Recovery	131·7	139·5
58·3	43·5	Unic. Technol. Inc.	50·1	53·2
84·4	56·4	Unicorn Trustee	79·4	*84·4
115·5	87·5	Unicorn World Wide	104·5	*111·1
166·2	122·4	B.T. Inv. Fd. Inc	156·3	166·2
246·1	166·4	B.T. Inv. Fd. Acc	231·4	246·1

BARING BROS. & CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
485·6	402·2	Stratton Trust	466·2	485·2
716·0	583·0	Stratton Tst. Accum	665·2	713·7

BRIDGE FUND MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
88·0	50·0	B. American & Gen.	63·2	68·0
99·9	86·4	B. Cap. Inc	96·9	104·2
131·2	103·4	B. Cap. Acc.	125·4	132·7
262·0	209·0	B. Exempt	234·0	252·0
107·3	84·0	B. Income	99·1	107·3
45·2	34·3	B. Intnl. Recov. Inc.	34·9	37·5
39·1	34·3	B. Intnl. Recov. Acc	45·7	49·1

BRITANNIA GROUP OF UNIT TRUSTS LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
86·1	66·2	American Growth	80·0	85·3
54·2	50·0	American Inc	50·3	53·7
25·7	19·6	Amer. Smaller Co's	20·8	22·2
78·4	61·7	Amer. Special Sits	67·4	*71·9
61·1	42·5	Australian Gwth Tst	48·2	51·4
175·3	128·9	Commodity Share Tst	133·5	142·5
330·8	252·0	Exempt Trust	55·2	57·8
65·5	52·2	Exempt Mkt Leaders	62·6	*65·5
53·2	45·8	Extra Income	49·9	53·2
45·9	33·2	Far East	40·0	42·7
36·2	29·5	Financial Secs.	33·2	*35·4
53·3	49·0	Gilt Growth Trust	50·5	53·3
28·8	25·0	Gilt Trust	25·2	*26·5
22·9	15·9	Gold & General	19·9	21·2
24·4	15·5	Hongkong Perform.	23·3	24·4
153·3	122·8	Income & Growth	143·7	153·3
30·8	20·0	Intnl. Growth	26·2	28·2
11·7	9·9	Intnl. Leisure	19·5	*11·2
45·6	31·1	Japan Performance	39·7	42·3
14·1	10·7	Japan Smaller Co's	11·4	12·2
149·2	117·0	Nat. High Income	138·9	148·2
19·8	18·5	Preference Shares	17·8	*19·0
41·0	32·9	Property Share	36·8	39·2
78·7	69·2	Recovery	73·8	78·7
110·4	91·0	Small Co's	103·4	110·5
81·5	61·9	Spec. Situations Tst.	71·6	76·6
32·5	26·8	UK Grth (Domestic)	30·0	32·0
65·8	61·9	Universal Energy	62·2	66·5
54·2	46·7	World Tech Tst	44·9	47·9

BROWN SHIPLEY & CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
50·3	42·5	Brown Shipley Fund	46·4	49·9
80·2	66·7	Accum.	74·1	79·6
95·5	76·3	Financial	88·7	94·9
111·0	88·0	Growth	103·5	111·0
169·1	125·9	Growth Acc.	157·3	169·1
48·7	37·9	High Inc.	45·0	48·3
54·1	44·0	Income Fund	50·0	53·8
53·4	43·7	North American	49·7	*53·2
55·0	43·9	Orient Fund	50·5	54·1
28·4	22·7	Recovery	24·9	*26·7
166·9	137·7	Technology Fund	147·0	158·0

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
162·3	129·9	General Fund	154·6	*162·3
299·2	197·6	General Accum.	237·4	299·2
76·5	66·4	Income Fund	72·4	76·5
125·2	106·1	Income Accum.	118·6	125·2
117·9	93·8	International Fund	107·0	113·2
149·8	120·2	International Accum	138·6	145·2

CANADA LIFE UNIT TRUST MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
91·2	72·3	Canlife Gen. Dist.	86·7	91·2
137·8	108·4	Canlife Gen. Accum.	130·9	137·8
37·0	32·1	Can.Gilt & FixInDist	34·1	35·9
62·1	52·3	Canlife Income Dist	59·0	62·1

CHIEFTAIN TRUST MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
55·5	39·8	American Trust	41·8	44·9
27·4	21·0	Australian Trust	20·1	21·5
54·2	38·8	Basic Resources	36·5	39·1
70·7	53·7	Far Eastern Trust	64·3	68·7
37·3	29·5	Global Recovery Tst	32·7	35·0
47·0	35·3	High Income	39·5	42·3
40·2	32·1	Income & Grth. Tst	38·1	40·8
66·7	53·2	International Trust	56·8	60·8
21·6	20·3	Pref & Gilt	18·2	*19·5
38·4	32·1	Smaller Co's	31·6	33·8
35·6	27·2	Special Income Sits.	31·2	33·4

CANNON FUND MANAGERS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
239·6	198·6	Income	233·2	*238·1
133·7	108·7	Far East	125·4	133·4

CATER ALLEN UNIT TRUST MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
112·2	103·0	Cater Allen Gilt Tst.	101·5	107·8

CONFEDERATION FUND MNGMT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
165·1	125·6	Growth	157·8	165·1

COUNTY BANK UNIT SERVICES LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
228·7	179·2	Capital Trust	215·0	228·7
64·0	43·5	Energy	46·6	49·5
127·1	104·1	Extra Income	119·5	127·1
94·3	71·6	Financial Trust	88·6	*94·1
52·4	49·5	Gilt Strategy	49·7	51·7
229·3	177·4	Growth Invest Trust	213·3	*226·9
102·1	83·1	Income Trust	96·0	102·1
83·3	62·5	Japanese & Pac. Grth.	76·5	81·3
100·5	78·2	Nth Amer Grwth Tst.	82·7	87·9
144·7	119·7	Portfolio Inv. Fd.	138·2	*144·7
101·6	75·8	Recovery Trust	91·7	97·6
142·9	111·2	Smaller Co's	134·4	142·9

CRESCENT GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
75·3	60·7	Crescent American	67·0	71·6
60·8	46·5	Crescent Capital Fd.	56·9	60·8
102·6	81·5	CrescentGth & Inc	95·9	102·6
97·2	67·9	Crescent High Dist	78·5	83·9
174·5	134·8	Crescent Intnl	160·4	171·6
115·9	90·7	Crescent Tokyo Fd.	105·7	115·1

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
107·8	87·9	Crown American Tst	95·0	*105·8
171·9	131·7	CrownGrowth Trust	160·7	171·9
172·6	145·8	CrownHighInc Tst	161·4	172·6

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MNGMT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
79·4	68·0	Discretionary Inc	72·7	76·8
135·7	114·6	Discretionary Acc	123·8	130·7

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
278·8	222·8	EquitablPelicanUts.	262·0	278·8

EQUITY AND LAW UNIT TRUST

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
101·9	78·0	Far East Acc	94·8	100·8
189·1	122·8	General	177·2	189·5
88·9	79·4	Gilt & FxdInTst Acc'n	80·7	86·6
162·1	112·4	Higher Inc. Tst. Acc.	152·4	162·1
129·4	93·9	N. Amer. Tst. Ac. Un.	117·4	124·8
116·9	90·8	UK GrwthTst. Ac. Un.	109·9	116·9

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
67·0	47·8	F & C American Fd.	59·4	63·6
94·6	76·6	F & C Capital Fund	87·9	94·0
62·6	51·0	F & C Income Fund	58·5	62·6
52·2	40·8	F&C Far Eastern Fd	48·6	52·0

FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
90·8	69·5	American	82·4	87·7
61·4	42·2	Amer. Special Sits.	47·8	50·9
31·5	28·2	Gilt & FixedInterest	28·5	*29·6
68·4	57·2	Growth & Income	64·2	*68·4
93·1	61·6	Japan Trust	82·3	88·0
88·0	61·4	Managed Intl. Trust	78·0	83·0
56·1	41·1	Max. Inc. Equity Tst	52·6	56·0
97·9	71·8	Special Situations	92·0	97·9

FINLAY (JAMES) UNIT TST. MNGMNT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
87·5	75·0	Fund of Inv. Trust	79·9	85·9
126·2	104·6	Fund of Inv. Acc.	115·5	124·2
54·9	46·6	Income	51·1	54·9
70·0	58·4	International	65·2	70·0
69·5	74·3	International Accum	83·2	89·5
19·9	16·3	World Energy Fund	15·8	17·0
27·1	22·4	World Energy Acc.	21·7	23·3

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MNGMT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
196·2	158·4	American	163·8	174·2
156·2	160·0	Amer. & Gen. Acc.	165·4	175·8
199·0	151·4	Amer. Turnaround	164·4	177·0
199·4	151·4	Amer. Turnrnd. Acc.	170·0	180·8
153·0	107·4	Capital	137·0	145·6
170·0	122·6	Capital Accum.	160·0	170·0
78·8	66·2	Convertible & Gilt	73·2	*77·8
97·6	79·8	Convert. & Gilt Acc.	91·4	97·2
111·2	83·2	Extra Inc.	105·2	111·8
85·6	61·0	Income	80·6	85·6
155·4	125·6	Intnl. Growth	133·2	141·2
168·4	137·4	Int. Growth Accum.	145·4	154·6
64·4	44·6	Japan & Gen. Inc	56·0	59·4
95·2	77·0	Recovery Trust	87·8	93·2
98·2	80·0	Recovery Trust Acc.	92·4	98·2

FRIENDS' PROVIDENT UNIT MNGMT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
162·2	126·3	Fd's Prov. Eqty Uts	153·2	162·1
261·4	200·9	Fd's Prov. Eqty Uts	246·9	261·2

G. & A. UNIT TRUST MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
90·9	70·5	G. & A. Units	65·8	90·9

G.T. UNIT MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
71·1	56·0	G.T. Capital Income	66·4	71·1
98·4	75·2	G.T. Capital Accum.	92·0	98·4
159·5	115·0	G.T. European	150·4	159·5
84·6	62·4	G.T. Far East & Gen	79·2	84·6
66·2	52·5	G.T. Income Fund	60·5	66·2
102·0	84·3	G.T. Intnl. Fund	97·8	104·7
155·3	112·6	G.T. Japan & Gen.	141·7	151·6
102·5	97·9	G.T. Ltd Reserve	99·5	*100·0
143·6	110·5	G.T. Pension Exempt	133·8	143·2
67·1	62·1	G.T. Tech&GrwthFd	64·2	68·7
54·9	42·4	G.T. U.S. Gen.	44·0	47·1

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
86·2	66·5	American Trust	75·6	80·5
24·7	16·6	Australian Trust	19·8	21·0
44·8	33·3	British Trust	39·6	42·1
76·3	61·6	Commodity Share	63·6	67·6
36·2	29·3	Extra Income	34·6	36·9
38·1	29·0	Far Eastern	34·4	36·8
25·0	24·8	Fixed Interest Trust	24·1	25·8
23·8	20·5	Gilt Trust	20·9	23·3
112·9	88·2	Global Strategy Tst.	105·9	112·7
20·0	16·5	Gold Share Trust	15·6	16·6
104·3	81·1	High Income Tst	98·1	104·5
30·2	17·5	Hong Kong	28·1	30·0
49·5	41·5	Income Fund	45·8	48·8
77·5	58·1	Japan Trust	71·5	76·2
42·4	37·2	Oil & Energy Trust	39·4	42·1
68·0	54·4	Special Situations	64·6	68·9
47·5	39·2	UK Smll Co's RecTst	44·3	47·2

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MNGMT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
58·3	45·3	Gold & Minerals Fd.	45·0	48·1
55·5	44·3	Govett Am.Grth.Fd.	52·3	55·9
103·3	84·3	Govett Euro.Growth	96·6	103·1
91·6	61·2	Govett Int. Growth	86·6	91·9
90·4	62·7	Govett Jap. Grth. F	84·5	90·3

GRIEVESON MNGMNT.—BARRINGTON FUNDS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
237·5	191·7	European	228·0	*237·5
711·2	570·0	General	674·7	714·2
935·7	746·0	General Accum.	935·1	935·7
116·1	108·2	Gilt	108·5	*111·9
64·4	51·3	High Yield	60·5	*64·4
119·1	89·7	High Yield Accum.	111·9	119·1
139·6	99·9	Japan	124·8	132·7
240·3	200·8	North America	213·1	*225·6
270·1	226·1	North American Acc.	242·7	254·1
101·3	83·2	Pacific	93·9	99·1
112·5	92·2	Pacific Accum.	105·0	110·7
289·9	222·3	Smaller Co's	245·2	*259·8

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE UNIT MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
122·6	111·3	GRE Gilt & Fixed	113·6	118·1
156·0	120·1	GRE Grwth Eqty Tst	145·1	154·4
122·6	92·9	GRE North America	112·2	119·4
144·5	108·8	GRE Pacific	134·0	*143·6
95·4	78·1	GRE Property Share	88·1	93·5
162·5	125·8	GRE Small Co's	150·5	160·2
242·7	167·2	Guardhill	228·0	242·7

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST. MNGMT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
413·5	316·6	British Trust	37·01	397·9
77·5	59·1	Capital Trust	70·7	75·2
184·3	137·6	Dollar Trust	147·6	157·1
63·0	49·1	European Trust	59·2	*65·0
98·9	70·8	Far East Trust	92·9	98·9
258·1	198·2	Financial Trust	239·6	253·9
129·80	125·80	General Exempt Tst.	128·40	129·80
29·4	26·6	Gilt & Fixed Int.	27·0	28·1
40·2	35·1	Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	37·4	38·9
49·3	40·2	High Yield Trust	46·2	49·3
39·5	46·6	Income Trust	55·5	59·1
98·1	77·8	Intnl. Trust	90·4	96·2
34·4	24·1	Japanese Tech	39·0	*30·9
41·9	30·0	Natural Resources T	29·6	31·5
135·9	99·5	Security Trust	122·6	130·6
51·7	37·5	Smaller Comp Trust	48·5	51·7
78·3	64·8	Special Sits. Tst.	68·8	73·2

HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
120·5	91·3	American Recovery	106·9	114·9
69·6	56·5	Australian Tst.	60·7	66·5
55·7	40·5	American Small Co's	46·1	49·6
122·7	97·0	Extra Income	114·1	*122·7
50·6	36·3	Cap. Growth Inc.	45·5	48·7
54·8	49·6	Cap. Growth Acc.	51·2	54·8
129·5	80·6	European	122·4	129·5
91·2	78·6	Financial	84·0	89·9
57·6	54·2	Fixed Interest	52·4	*55·5
50·6	45·8	Gilt Fund	44·6	46·8
52·4	43·2	Global Health Care	48·8	51·5
101·3	80·1	Global Technology	91·8	*98·2
126·9	105·2	High Income	118·6	126·9
80·6	60·9	Income & Assets	75·4	80·6
104·5	81·8	Inc. & Growth Inc.	97·7	*104·5
194·0	146·3	Inc. & Growth Acc.	181·4	*194·0
118·3	95·0	International Trust	110·6	118·3
103·2	75·5	Japan Special Sits	93·1	98·7
94·5	73·3	Japan Trust	87·2	92·9
135·8	99·3	North American	123·8	133·1
82·3	72·7	Oil & Nat. Resources	72·3	76·3
51·0	48·8	Pref. & Gilt	46·7	*49·9
82·2	64·1	Recovery	77·0	82·2
70·7	66·5	Small Co's Div	68·2	73·0
100·6	79·2	Spec. Situations Inc	93·6	100·1
138·6	108·0	Spec. Situations Acc	128·9	137·9
266·4	223·6	Worldwide In	250·3	265·5

KEY FUND MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
167·0	116·5	Key Equity & Gen	155·1	166·8
62·6	57·7	Key Fixed Int. Fd.	56·6	60·8
150·2	125·7	Key Income Fund	139·6	150·2

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
158·8	126·9	K.B. Fd. of Inv. Tsts	143·0	157·3
95·3	77·6	K.B. High Yield	89·9	*95·3
219·6	172·6	K.B. UK Eq Grth In	200·1	218·1
69·2	55·0	K.B. Int Rec Fd Inc.	65·0	*69·2
119·7	101·2	K.B. Smaller Co's	109·8	116·4
59·8	41·7	K.B. Wld Tch Fd Inc	40·8	43·8

LAWSON FUND MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
10·8	7·5	Australian & Pacific	7·9	8·6
24·3	21·9	High Yield	20·9	23·6
17·5	13·4	Penny Share	13·5	15·8

LEGAL & GENERAL TST. MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
219·8	172·1	Equity Trust	206·5	220·9
331·2	255·6	Equity Accum	311·2	332·8
72·6	63·0	Gilt	66·0	69·8
63·7	51·0	Intnl. Managed	58·7	*62·5

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TST. MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
153·9	117·2	Balanced	143·9	153·9
265·7	198·0	Accum	246·6	265·7
59·8	49·0	Energy International	49·7	53·1
63·5	51·8	Energy Intnl Acc.	53·0	56·6
171·6	92·2	Extra Income	109·1	116·6
198·4	151·7	Accum	184·0	196·7
198·1	155·0	Income	185·3	198·1
370·6	279·0	Accum	346·6	370·6
173·4	138·1	Intnl. Tech. Unit Tst	158·7	169·7
176·7	138·1	Int. Tech. Unit Tst Ac	164·5	175·9
97·6	74·8	Nth. Amer. & Gen	87·1	93·1
102·9	77·8	Nth. Amer & Gen Acc	91·9	98·2
99·9	77·0	Pacific Basin Inc	93·2	99·6
102·9	77·0	Pacific Basin Acc	96·0	102·6
134·5	107·7	Small Co's & Recov.	125·1	133·7
147·7	117·1	Small Co's & Rec Acc	137·3	116·8
157·3	126·5	Worldwide Growth	145·4	*155·5
217·9	174·5	Accum	201·6	215·6

MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
266·8	201·9	MLA Units	251·6	*266·8
36·6	30·0	MLA International	36·4	38·5

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
97·9	82·4	Gilt & Fix. Interest	90·4	92·2
58·4	33·8	Growth	54·8	58·2
88·3	70·6	Int. Growth Unit Ts	82·8	88·0

MARLBOROUGH COURT FUND MANAGERS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
116·5	94·5	Equity Inc	108·0	115·5
124·5	101·0	International	114·5	122·0

McANALLY FUND MNGMENT LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
43·7	36·4	Delphi Income Trust	40·7	43·3
75·8	60·3	Delphi Income Acc.	71·2	75·8
127·6	102·5	Glen Fund Inc	119·9	127·6
205·9	165·3	Glen Fund Acc	193·5	205·9

MENCAP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
101·7	80·8	Mencap	95·6	*101·7

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
78·0	57·5	American Growth	69·6	74·0
169·4	131·6	Mercury Gen. Dist	159·3	169·4
266·8	205·9	Mercury Gen. Acc	250·8	266·8
83·9	73·3	Mercury Gilt Fd.	78·9	*79·6
185·6	144·6	Mercury Intnl. Dist.	172·4	*183·3
227·0	175·3	Mercury Intnl. Acc.	210·8	*224·2
93·1	68·5	Merc. Jap. Fnd. Dis.	85·7	91·1
126·9	100·5	Mercury Recovery	118·7	126·2

MIDLAND BANK GP. UNIT TST. MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
65·8	47·9	Capital	61·7	*65·8
88·1	64·4	Capital Accum.	81·4	86·8
147·2	114·4	Commod. & General	117·4	125·1
198·3	153·9	Commod. & Gen.Acc	159·1	169·7
61·7	47·7	Gilt & Fixed Interest	50·3	*52·5
79·0	69·7	Gilt & Fixed Int.Acc.	75·3	78·5
117·0	96·5	High Yield	109·7	117·0
186·6	148·4	High Yield Accum.	173·6	185·1
122·3	103·9	Income	121·2	129·2
215·6	168·0	Income Accum	200·6	213·9
170·1	136·6	Japan & Pacific	157·1	167·5
177·5	131·7	Japan & Pacific Acc	163·9	174·8
95·4	76·5	North American	84·7	*90·3
109·4	89·5	North American Acc	98·5	105·1
95·4	67·4	Overseas Growth	74·3	79·2
100·6	79·6	Overseas Growth Acc	88·1	93·9
86·1	65·2	Smaller Co's Trust	69·7	74·3
87·7	66·8	Smaller Co's Tst Acc	71·5	76·2

MINSTER FUND MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
95·8	91·5	Minster Fund	92·8	95·8

MONTAGU UNIT TRUST MNGRS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
50·3	40·2	Gold & Prec. Metals	39·1	41·7
50·3	40·2	Gold & Prec. Met-Ac	39·6	42·2
61·0	41·4	Japan Performance	57·0	*60·7
61·4	43·4	Japan Perform. Acc.	57·5	61·1
55·5	44·2	UK Market Features	47·4	50·5
55·5	44·2	UK Mark. Feats. Ac	47·5	50·6
61·6	44·2	U.S. Special Feats.	55·5	59·1
61·6	47·3	U.S. Spec. Feats. Ac	55·5	59·1
53·9	50·0	U.S. Special Income	50·2	53·4
53·9	50·0	U.S. Spec. Inc. Acc.	50·2	53·4

M. & G. GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
185·7	129·6	American & Gen. Inc.	170·9	181·2
209·8	145·8	American & Gen. Acc	193·1	204·7
205·0	162·4	American Recovery	195·8	208·0
216·6	173·5	Amer. Recov. Acc.	208·9	223·1
49·3	38·6	Amer. Smaller Co's	42·8	45·8
105·7	77·7	Australasian & Gen.	86·1	92·1
113·4	85·0	Aust. & Gen. Accum	92·9	99·4
281·5	225·0	Charifund	279·1	285·1
659·3	505·0	Charifund Accum.	659·2	665·8
296·6	179·9	Commodity & Gen.	211·0	225·3
258·8	215·7	Commod. & Gen. Acc.	246·9	261·7
260·3	252·1	Compound Growth	301·0	323·2
251·8	120·6	Conversion Growth	245·3	258·8
156·8	120·6	Conversion Income	142·7	151·3
160·5	230·5	Dividend Fund	273·5	*289·9
805·3	586·2	Accum	759·7	805·3
107·5	85·9	European & Gen. Fd	101·4	*107·5
117·5	89·9	Accum	110·7	117·5
163·7	136·5	Extra Yield	219·9	233·1
329·1	249·8	Accum	310·5	330·1
163·2	127·3	Far Eastern & Gen	147·8	158·2
199·0	150·9	Accum	176·7	189·5
197·3	151·6	Fund of Inv. Trust	174·7	185·2
249·2	187·2	Accum	265·1	281·2
442·7	357·4	General Trust	416·7	*441·7
896·2	712·6	Accum	845·5	896·2
65·5	61·2	Gilt Fund	53·3	55·8
78·9	73·1	Gilt Fund Acc	76·1	79·1
80·2	42·5	Gold & General Fund	40·1	42·5
221·1	176·5	High Income	208·3	*220·8
561·1	425·9	High Income Accum	526·7	560·4
670·2	547·9	Internat. Growth	608·5	650·9
£10·15	890·4	Int'nat'l Growth Acc	933·1	998·4
492·9	361·4	Japan & General	449·7	485·7
525·9	385·6	Japan & General Acc	479·8	518·8
377·6	268·6	Midland & General	356·2	377·6
892·8	615·5	Accum	844·2	894·9
33·0	30·4	N.A.A.L.I.F.E.	—	33·0
336·9	295·5	Accum	—	336·9
337·7	274·9	Pension Exempt	323·3	337·7
239·7	182·4	Recovery Fund	214·7	*229·7
297·1	221·7	Accum	268·3	287·1
506·7	428·9	Second General	477·9	*506·6
981·2	800·4	Accum	906·6	969·9
511·1	430·5	Smaller Co's Fd	489·3	509·1
770·7	628·2	Smaller Co's Accum.	724·3	767·9
336·4	274·2	Trustee Fund	303·8	325·1

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TST.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
107·3	80·1	Murray American	98·4	105·3
106·5	87·3	Murray European	99·1	105·5
159·9	111·1	Murray Smaller Co's	150·1	159·9

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INV.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
155·4	117·8	N.P.I. Growth Dist.	146·0	155·4
262·7	179·7	N.P.I. Growth Acc	250·1	272·7

N.E.L. TST. MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
60·2	50·7	Nelstar H. Income	57·8	60·2

NORWICH UNION INS. GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
974·3	798·7	Norwich U Gp Tst Fd	935·6	974·3

OPPENHEIMER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
43·5	34·1	Practical Inc. Units	38·8	41·3
76·4	58·9	Practical Acc. Units	68·0	72·4
28·5	22·2	American Grwth Tst	24·1	25·7
40·4	28·6	Income & Growth	37·9	40·4
89·0	71·4	International	83·2	*89·0
38·2	26·5	Japan Growth Fd	33·3	35·4
52·9	42·0	Special Situations	49·3	*52·5

PEARL TRUST MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
95·7	73·4	Pearl Unit Trust	82·0	*93·7
156·6	118·5	Pearl Unit Accum	147·2	156·6
66·6	53·8	Pearl Growth Fund	62·6	66·6
96·7	77·3	Pearl Growth Acc.	90·8	96·7
85·5	64·6	Pearl Income Fund	80·3	85·5

PERPETUAL UNIT TST. MNGMNT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
57·7	45·8	American Growth F.	52·2	56·0
175·7	137·9	Growth	162·4	174·3
131·8	99·2	Income	123·0	131·8
56·1	50·0	Int. Emrg Co's	52·2	56·0

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUSTS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
58·6	50·0	Prolific Extra Inc	55·1	*58·6
123·9	90·5	Prolific Far Eastern	122·6	130·6
123·8	92·2	Prolific High Inc	117·3	124·8
89·7	70·3	Prolific Intnl	82·3	88·2
117·3	91·5	Prolific Nth Amer	107·3	115·0
139·9	102·4	Prolific Special Sits.	131·3	*139·7
137·6	107·3	Prolific Technology	118·1	126·5

PRUDENTIAL PORTFOLIO MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
324·1	251·0	Prudential Units	304·7	324·1

QUILTER MANAGEMENT CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
324·8	267·5	Quadrant General Fd	308·4	324·7
181·9	152·8	Quadrant Income	167·4	176·3
310·9	255·0	Quadrant Intnl Fd.	294·5	310·0
205·5	162·7	Quadrant Rec. Fd.	185·2	195·0
141·3	119·1	Wickmoor	123·2	127·2
219·0	175·7	Wickmoor Acc	211·3	219·0
126·9	108·4	Wickmoor Dividend	122·9	127·4
218·6	173·0	Wickmoor Div. Acc.	210·9	218·6

RELIANCE UNIT MANAGERS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
134·0	107·6	British Life	126·7	134·0
84·7	64·3	Reliance Inc	79·3	84·7
108·2	82·6	Reliance Acc.	101·3	108·2

RIDGEFIELD MANAGEMENT

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
115·9	89·5	Income Trust	99·2	*105·6
244·8	184·8	International	213·4	*227·1

ROTHSCHILD ASSET MNGMNT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
302·3	221·2	N.C. America Inc	235·3	247·6
320·9	235·0	N.C. America Acc	249·9	262·0
314·3	243·9	N.C. Income Fund	298·8	314·3
135·4	98·5	N.C. Japan Fund	124·1	130·6
115·8	93·3	N.C. Smaller Co's	104·2	109·6

ROWAN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
183·8	160·5	American	176·0	180·0
136·5	105·5	Far East	131·5	135·0
153·0	132·0	Fixed Interest Fund	147·5	148·5
129·5	112·5	High Interest Fund	118·0	119·0
122·5	98·5	High Yield	119·5	*122·5
264·5	212·0	Merlin Fund	256·0	264·0
534·0	436·0	Securities Fund	507·0	522·0

ROYAL LIFE FUND MNGMNT. LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
47·9	37·1	Equity Trust	45·1	47·9
59·8	44·7	International Trust	55·3	58·8

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MNGRS. LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
54·4	48·9	Gilt Inc	49·8	52·5
55·1	46·2	High Inc	51·7	55·1
63·9	48·7	Income & Growth	60·0	63·9
72·6	52·9	Special Sits	67·1	72·6

SAVE & PROSPER SECURITIES

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
82·1	46·3	Amer. Inc. & Growth	57·5	61·4
87·5	69·3	Capital	81·4	*87·0
82·4	48·6	Commodity Share	51·0	54·2
56·9	49·0	Energy Industries	51·6	54·6
57·3	49·0	European Growth	53·6	57·0
45·2	33·0	Exploration Fund	34·2	36·4
71·6	56·4	Financial Securities	66·2	71·2
58·5	53·1	Gilt & Fixed Int. Inc	51·8	55·0
73·4	69·3	Gilt & Fixed Int. Gth	71·2	72·0
133·1	102·6	High Return	125·2	133·1
114·8	90·2	High Yield	108·0	114·8
78·0	63·6	Income	73·5	78·0
69·5	54·6	Investment Trust	63·6	68·1
66·4	52·9	Japan Growth	63·0	66·1
64·7	58·4	Japan Smaller Co's	58·7	62·2
109·5	83·7	New Technology Fd.	99·7	*106·0
95·2	75·6	Scotbits	88·6	94·5
126·5	105·3	Scotshares	113·3	*120·5
112·4	88·9	Scotyields	102·0	108·5
68·8	49·7	Select Intnl	58·1	62·1
115·2	88·4	Smaller Co's Inc. Fd	108·3	115·2
98·8	70·8	S.E. Asia Growth	91·9	97·7
82·1	71·7	Special Sits. Fund	68·4	73·1
135·1	115·6	U.K. Equity	127·2	135·6
71·1	58·3	Universal Growth	65·4	69·5
64·6	46·8	U.S. Growth	56·2	59·7

SCHRODER UNIT TRUST MNGRS LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
111·7	91·1	American Income	100·7	107·3
113·4	91·6	American Acc.	101·6	108·3
81·6	59·1	Australian Income	65·9	70·2
85·2	62·1	Australian Acc.	69·6	74·1
63·5	53·6	European	59·6	63·5
64·3	53·6	European Acc.	60·4	64·3
59·8	51·3	Gilt & Fixed Int. Inc	52·9	55·8
59·8	51·3	Gilt & Fixed Int. Acc	54·9	58·0
129·1	101·3	Income Inc	120·7	*129·1
272·1	204·8	Income Acc	253·5	272·1
89·0	71·2	International Fd.	80·2	*85·9
122·3	97·0	Internatnl. Fd. Acc.	114·2	121·7
65·6	50·0	Japan Smaller Co's	60·2	64·1
89·4	73·1	Smaller Co's Inc	73·0	*77·4
104·4	86·5	Smaller Co's Income	98·5	*104·4
87·5	70·3	Special Sits. Inc	80·1	85·3
135·3	104·9	Tokyo Income	125·4	133·8
79·6	62·9	U.K. Equity	74·7	*79·6
119·0	91·6	G.R. Equity Acc	111·7	119·0

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FUND MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
127·1	102·5	Income	119·4	127·1
181·6	144·4	Accum.	170·7	181·6

SCOTTISH UNIT MANAGERS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
34·7	26·9	Scottish Income Fd.	32·4	34·7
51·4	34·5	Scot. Nth. Amer. Fd.	37·1	39·5
39·4	31·5	Scottish Pacific Fd.	35·8	38·3
30·9	23·5	Scot. World Grth. Fd.	28·6	30·4

STEWART UNIT TST MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
191·0	152·8	American Fund	166·3	177·4
163·2	108·8	Australia Fund	112·9	120·2
372·0	308·8	British Capital Fund	370·6	393·7
167·3	140·4	European Fund	157·3	167·4
210·3	153·0	Japan Fund	195·5	208·3

SUN ALLIANCE FUND MNGMNT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
323·2	248·9	Equity Trust	301·8	323·2
54·5	50·0	Far East Unit Trust	51·2	54·4
53·2	49·4	N. America Unit Tst	48·7	51·8

31 & TARGET FUND MNGRS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
87·2	68·4	Small Co's Fund	69·7	74·3

TARGET TRUST MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
77·6	60·2	American Eagle	67·2	*71·9
37·4	28·8	Australian Fund	28·8	30·8
121·6	95·5	Commodity Fund	92·2	*98·1
64·7	45·3	Energy	42·5	*45·5
100·6	74·3	Equity Fund	94·3	100·6
588·6	458·3	Equity Exempt	551·8	588·6
£10·58	807·5	Equity Exempt Acc.	992·4	£10·58
95·6	82·0	Extra Income	89·4	95·6
196·9	150·4	Financial Fund	183·8	196·0
220·6	196·6	Gilt Capital Fund	204·4	214·0
113·2	101·1	Gilt Income	101·9	106·7
99·1	65·8	Gold Fund	62·2	66·3
173·8	114·2	Gold Fund Acc	111·0	118·4
59·4	44·5	Income Fund	55·5	*59·4
54·1	39·4	Japan Fund	48·5	51·7
36·9	29·0	Malaysia & Singapore	29·2	31·1
86·0	50·9	Pacific Fund	68·3	73·0
90·2	60·7	Pacific Re-invest	82·7	88·4
16·6	14·9	Preference Fund	15·3	16·5
447·4	336·3	Professional Fund	419·4	447·4
84·4	61·5	Target Spec. Sits	75·7	81·0
53·8	41·9	Technology	41·9	44·8
52·3	44·6	U.S. Special Bond	46·4	49·6
111·1	88·1	Worldwide Cap. Fd.	104·1	*111·0

TEMPLE BAR UNIT TRUST MNGRS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
41·7	36·2	Gilt Trust	38·9	39·4
50·0	39·1	High Income Trust	40·4	43·3
107·0	84·8	North American	96·2	104·5
114·7	91·9	Recovery Trust	94·8	100·9
67·0	55·8	St. Vincent Hi. Inc.	64·9	67·0
66·0	50·0	St. VincentUSGth Fd	62·9	65·6

TOUCHE, REMNANT UNIT TRUST MAGMNT. LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
27·1	22·0	TR Amer. Grwth Fd.	24·0	25·8
28·8	25·0	TR Global Technlgy	26·8	28·6
44·0	33·0	TR Income Gth. Fd.	40·8	43·9
39·4	36·1	TR Inc. Monthly Fd	36·8	39·2
39·4	30·7	TR Overseas Gth Fd	35·6	*37·9
35·9	29·0	TR Smaller Com. Fd	33·2	35·9
33·9	25·4	TR Special Opps. Fd	31·7	33·7

TRANSATLANTIC & GEN. SECS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
356·0	285·8	Colemco	339·5	356·0
560·7	439·7	Accum	534·6	560·7
215·9	159·7	FieldingAm&Gen Fd	195·2	215·9
228·7	176·5	FieldingAm&Gen Ac	226·9	228·7
184·7	143·3	Fielding Fund	172·0	184·7
197·6	151·8	Fielding Acc	184·0	197·6
130·2	107·0	Fielding Income	121·6	130·2
135·7	95·8	S & W American	129·2	135·7

T.S.B. UNIT TRUST

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
99·9	76·6	T.S.B. American	92·4	98·3
88·5	72·6	T.S.B. Extra Inc	85·0	88·5
126·1	93·9	T.S.B. General Inc	117·5	125·1
195·9	147·8	T.S.B. General Acc	184·1	195·9
51·0	41·8	T.S.B. Gilt & Fix Int	46·1	48·1
156·1	124·2	T.S.B. Income	148·6	*158·1
240·6	194·0	T.S.B. Intnl. (Scot)	224·0	238·2
290·3	232·1	T.S.B. Inc.Ac. (Scot)	270·1	287·4
123·5	91·2	T.S.B. Pacific Inc	114·8	122·2
50·6	37·6	T.S.B. Select. Op. Ac.	47·5	50·6

TYNDALL MANAGERS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
90·0	61·3	Australian Sec. Fund	65·9	*70·6
277·8	224·2	Capital Fund	260·4	276·2
473·0	378·8	Accum	445·8	472·6
239·6	188·2	Exempt Fund	209·2	*222·6
469·6	377·2	Accum	440·8	469·6
143·9	114·6	Far Eastern	132·1	141·7
39·1	32·4	Fin. & Property	36·5	38·9
59·5	57·6	Fin. & Property Acc	54·5	59·1
114·3	105·4	Gilt Capital Trust	110·0	114·3
112·0	100·6	Gilt Income	102·5	*105·4
41·1	33·8	High Yield	38·5	41·1
79·7	64·1	High Yield Acc.	77·5	82·6
174·4	143·6	Income Fund	162·6	*172·4
497·2	393·2	Accum	469·0	497·2
134·8	109·4	Intnl. Earnings Fd.	126·4	134·8
189·4	149·8	Accum	177·8	189·4
87·1	63·8	Internat. Gwth. Fnd	58·7	62·6
77·9	60·6	Japan Gwth. Fd. Acc.	70·3	75·4
201·4	177·6	Natural Resources	151·4	159·6
337·6	248·6	Accum	265·0	283·2
118·8	95·0	N. American Gth.	105·7	*111·0
133·6	107·7	N. Amer. Gth. Acc.	118·0	128·3
115·8	104·6	Preference Fund	104·4	111·2
253·0	228·0	Pref. Accum	238·4	254·1
328·4	251·6	Scottish Income	285·4	*304·0
145·7	128·1	Smaller Companies	134·9	143·7
186·0	156·9	Smaller Comp. Acc.	174·6	186·0
83·7	68·9	Special Situations	75·2	80·1

UNIT TRUST ACCOUNT & MNGMT.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
105·8	76·3	Friars House Fd	99·4	*105·8

WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MNGRS LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
69·5	52·5	American Tst	62·8	67·6
44·8	33·2	Australia	38·1	*41·0
71·3	53·6	Far East & Gen	66·1	70·4
60·5	44·0	Income Tst	56·2	60·5
74·2	54·1	Japan Grth	69·2	74·2
61·6	42·4	Nat. Resources	47·9	51·3
106·4	82·8	Smaller Company's	98·9	106·4
38·2	30·4	Technology	34·8	37·1
100·2	71·5	U.K. Trust	94·1	*100·2

WIELER (ANTHONY) & CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
62·5	50·5	Wieler Growth Fund	58·1	62·5
84·7	68·0	Accum	78·8	84·7

INSURANCE, PROPERTY, BONDS, ETC.

ABBEY LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
84·2	66·6	Equity Series 1	7·98	84·0
231·5	224·5	Property Series I	214·9	226·3
86·8	71·2	Equity Accum Ser. 2	82·5	86·3
293·5	282·6	Property Acc. Ser. 2	272·6	285·3
214·2	188·5	Selective Acc. Ser. 2	202·8	213·5
218·9	170·5	American Series 4	205·3	216·2
93·1	72·8	Equity Series 4	88·7	92·2
172·5	152·8	Fixed Interest Ser. 4	158·4	166·8
219·8	173·2	High Income Ser. 4	208·3	219·3
117·7	101·1	Indexed Inv. Ser. 4	109·3	115·1
309·7	259·7	Managed Series 4	284·0	299·0
284·0	174·7	Money Series 4	175·2	184·5
231·3	226·5	Property Series 4	219·7	231·3
561·3	452·2	Pensions Equity	534·3	562·5
173·4	155·9	Pensions Fixed Int	161·8	173·4
119·5	104·6	Pens. Indexed Inv.	110·3	116·9
485·5	434·5	Pensions Managed	461·4	485·7
365·6	346·9	Pensions Property	346·9	365·2
296·8	271·8	Pensions Security	225·2	298·2
221·2	185·4	Pensions Selective	209·6	220·7

ALBANY LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
548·8	445·3	Equity Fund Acc	521·4	548·8
836·9	651·8	Equity Pen. Acc	797·6	839·5
269·9	241·0	Fixed Int. Acc.	249·5	262·4
474·4	318·7	Fixed Int. Pen. Acc.	440·0	463·2
262·2	210·6	Intnl. Man. Accum	248·3	261·3
336·5	216·2	Intnl. Man. Pen. Acc	320·2	337·0
169·2	130·6	Japan Fund	157·7	166·0
186·7	135·9	Japan Fund Pen	173·5	182·6
416·3	353·8	Mult. Inv. Acc.	395·6	416·3
677·5	555·4	Mult. Inv. Pen. Acc.	643·7	677·5
138·1	113·6	North American Fd.	125·9	132·5
197·5	186·2	Property Fund Acc.	187·5	197·3
278·0	241·7	Prop. Pension Acc.	264·2	278·0

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES (C.I.)

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
85·2	76·9	Government Secs T.	75·3	*78·9

BARCLAYS LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
153·3	118·1	America Accum	143·3	150·9
160·4	122·5	Australia Accum	134·6	141·7
296·3	243·0	Barclay Bond	271·3	285·6
322·0	259·7	Equity Acc	305·9	322·0
189·7	168·6	Gilt-Edged Acc	176·5	185·8
208·1	166·4	International Acc	194·1	204·4
244·5	207·9	Managed Acc	231·7	243·9
164·5	155·6	Money Acc	156·2	164·5
212·4	197·2	Property Acc	201·7	212·4
169·9	121·0	Income Acc	169·4	169·9
156·7	128·0	Financial Acc	148·3	156·2
155·4	124·6	"500" Acc	147·6	155·4
253·5	219·4	Gilt-Edged Pen. Acc	235·5	248·0
212·0	160·1	Greater Pacific Acc	197·4	207·8
318·1	265·5	Managed Pen. Acc	300·1	316·1
221·3	200·4	Money Pen. Acc	210·1	221·3

BARCLAYS UNICORN INTNL (I.O.M.)

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
95·6	74·9	Uni-Australian	79·8	*84·9
81·9	58·3	Uni-Aust. Mineral	56·8	60·5
226·3	174·5	Uni-Pacific	210·3	223·8
93·1	74·2	Uni-International	86·9	92·5

BRITANNIC UNIT LINKED ASSURANCE LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
173·7	135·8	Britannic Man. Fund	165·0	173·7
112·0	107·1	Britannic Prop. Fd.	105·6	111·2

CANNON ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
647·89	539·25	Equity Unit	647·89	—
658·0	527·0	Equity Acc	654·7	—
417·1	358·3	Managed Acc	414·8	—
£18·92	£17·52	Property Unit	£18·92	—
£29·86	£24·26	Bal. Bnd. Exec. Unit	£28·21	£27·84
£32·36	£26·95	Equity Bond Exec	£30·45	£32·22
£26·25	£24·09	Prop. Bond Exec	£24·79	£26·25
211·7	166·6	Sec. American Acc	190·8	201·9
249·8	210·2	Sec. Equity Acc	234·9	249·3
125·6	100·0	Sec. Far East Acc	117·0	125·8
165·0	148·6	Sec. Gilt Acc	151·6	160·2
218·5	167·6	Sec. High Inc. Acc	199·5	211·1
167·9	152·2	Sec. Intnl. Mon Acc	156·3	167·5
301·6	178·3	Sec. Managed Acc	189·6	200·6
197·8	182·0	Sec. Property Acc	186·9	197·8
306·8	223·4	Sec. Am. Pens. Acc	283·7	300·2
368·5	296·4	Sec. Eqty. Pens. Acc	346·1	366·2
128·9	101·0	Sec. Far E. Pens Acc	119·9	126·9
242·0	177·4	Sec. High Inc Pens. Ac	217·7	230·4
216·7	185·6	Sec Int Mon Pens Acc	204·1	216·0
270·1	235·1	Sec. Man. Pens. Acc	254·4	269·2
263·5	235·2	Sec. Prop. Pens. Acc	248·6	263·1
89·5	76·0	L. & E.S.I.F.	84·0	89·0
59·5	55·0	L. & E.S.I.F. (2)	56·0	59·5

CHIEFTAIN ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
217·4	158·1	American	168·3	177·1
117·9	129·5	Basic Resources	108·7	114·4
234·9	180·1	Far Eastern	218·2	229·7
148·3	116·6	High Income	123·1	129·6
159·0	127·2	Income & Growth	151·1	159·0
163·6	128·5	International	155·4	163·6
227·2	173·0	Managed Growth	192·8	203·0
109·5	91·7	Managed Income	98·8	104·0

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
173·7	151·7	Equity Fund	165·0	173·7
132·0	112·3	Gilt Fund	123·3	129·8
127·9	110·3	Nat. Resources Fd.	121·5	127·9

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COMMERCIAL UNION GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
125·3	110·8	Fixed Interest	116·4	122·5
158·7	130·6	Internat'nal Equity	148·7	156·6
179·1	136·3	Managed	169·1	178·9
182·2	138·3	U.K. Equity	172·7	181·8

CONTINENTAL LIFE INSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
207·7	174·3	Life Man. Fund Acc.	197·3	207·7
221·9	174·9	Pen. Man. Fund Acc.	210·8	221·9

CORNHILL INSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
184·0	155·0	Equity Fund	174·5	184·0
145·0	131·0	Fixed Interest Fund	134·5	142·0
407·5	356·0	Managed Fund	387·0	407·5
132·0	124·0	Money Fund	125·0	132·0

CRITERION ASSURANCE GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
113·4	100·0	Criterion Man. Fd	107·7	113·4
37·0	29·8	Pens. Man. Cap	35·1	37·0
40·3	32·7	Pens. Man. Acc	38·3	40·3
—	—	Pens. Guar. Dep. Cap	—	—
29·9	27·4	Pens. Guar. Dep. Acc	28·4	29·9

CROWN LIFE ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
176·3	152·0	Lfd. Fund Income	167·5	176·3
277·7	214·7	Equity Fund Acc	263·8	277·7
201·5	178·8	Fixed Int. Fd. Acc	185·7	195·4
246·7	196·8	Intnl. Fund Acc	231·4	243·5
299·7	243·9	Inv. Tst. Fd. Acc	283·3	298·2
251·7	211·3	Managed Fund Acc	239·2	251·7
161·3	150·0	Money Fund Acc	153·3	161·3
165·1	149·8	Property Fund Acc	156·9	165·1

EAGLE STAR INS. MIDLAND ASS'CE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
34·4	108·4	Eagle Midland	127·7	132·4

EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASS'CE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
212·0	180·3	Fixed Interest Fund	197·6	208·0
164·1	155·4	Guid. Deposit Fund	155·9	164·1
279·7	242·4	Mixed Fund	265·5	279·4
243·4	222·7	Property Fund	230·3	242·4
341·7	278·6	U.K. Equities Fund	324·7	341·7

FRIENDS PROVIDENT LINKED LIFE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
114·9	101·2	Fixed Interest Acc	106·4	112·0
125·0	105·5	Mixed Acc	119·5	125·8
124·3	101·3	Overseas Equity Acc	116·5	122·6
118·6	104·3	Property Acc	112·6	118·6
145·0	112·2	U.K. Equity Acc	135·8	143·0

G.T. MANAGEMENT (U.K.) LIMITED LONDON AGENTS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
88·87	67·57	Anchor Intnl	87·79	*87·80

G R E LINKED LIFE ASSURANCE LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
153·2	144·8	Deposit Acc	145·5	153·2
405·3	315·6	Equity Acc	385·0	405·3
250·8	216·9	Fixed Interest Acc	231·8	244·2
106·0	93·2	Index-LinkedGiltAc	99·3	104·5
309·6	238·2	International Acc	294·1	309·6
270·1	219·7	Managed Initial	256·6	270·1
308·2	249·0	Managed Acc	292·8	308·2
125·2	96·4	North Amer. Acc	118·7	124·9
136·3	105·5	Pacific Acc	128·1	135·9
148·8	115·4	Property Acc	140·8	148·2

GRESHAM UNIT ASSURANCE LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
335·7	288·6	Managed Fund	318·6	335·7
301·2	235·2	Equity Fund	285·6	301·2
133·3	117·3	Fixed Int. Fd	124·1	130·8
173·5	164·8	Money Fund	164·8	173·5
195·0	183·6	Property Fd	185·1	195·0
278·9	224·6	Pram. American	241·3	254·3
294·1	215·1	Pram. Capital	279·0	294·0
270·2	202·7	Pram. Income	255·9	269·7
305·6	254·3	Pram. Int. Growth	272·0	286·6
188·7	156·0	Pram. Recovery Tst.	176·1	185·7

HAMBRO LIFE ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
302·9	229·0	H. Amer. Equity Fd.	287·7	302·9
158·0	125·0	H. American Man	150·1	158·0
119·8	107·0	H. American Prop	113·8	119·8
511·4	417·6	Hambro Equity	485·6	511·4
208·6	197·1	H. Fixed Int. Dep	198·1	208·6
240·3	217·6	H. Gilt Edge	224·6	236·5
275·5	239·8	H. Managed Cap	259·9	273·6
429·4	370·4	H. Managed Accum	407·9	429·4
348·0	271·3	H. O'seas Ear'ngsAcc	324·7	341·8
315·3	289·2	H. Property	299·5	315·3
126·2	94·2	H. Pen. Am. Eq. Acc	121·4	127·8
698·4	771·7	H. Pen. Equity Acc.	940·3	989·8
127·2	98·0	H. Pen Far East Acc	120·8	127·2
333·7	303·9	H. Pen. F. I. Acc	317·0	333·7
334·1	255·3	H. Pen G. Edged Acc	308·8	325·1
961·3	704·7	H. Pen. Man. Acc.	918·7	966·5
110·2	100·0	H. Pen. Morig. Acc	104·6	110·2
628·4	572·3	H. Pen. Prop. Acc	596·9	628·4

HEARTS OF OAK BENEFIT SOCIETY

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
150·9	[illegible]	Managed Fund	115·0	150·9

HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
242·2	182·1	Far East	229·1	240·2
227·7	185·2	Managed	215·6	227·2
252·9	197·2	North American	242·0	257·3
215·3	181·7	Special Situations	205·7	214·5

HILL SAMUEL LIFE ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
366·1	353·6	Managed Units	365·2	386·1
219·9	200·8	Man. Series A	209·9	219·9
169·2	159·8	Man. Series C	161·4	169·1
204·2	180·7	Money Units	193·9	204·2
160·5	152·0	Money Series A	152·4	160·5
256·4	195·5	Equity Series A	244·5	256·4
181·4	165·3	Fixed Int. Series A	171·9	181·0

HODGE LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
219·5	125·6	Hodge Bonds	229·6	219·5
193·7	175·1	Takeover Fund	181·2	193·7

IMPERIAL LIFE ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
200·7	157·6	Growth Fund	184·6	200·7
226·1	173·1	Pension Managed Fd	188·7	226·1
314·7	242·2	Equity Fund	299·0	314·7
199·3	173·6	Fixed Int. Fd.	184·6	199·3
199·8	172·5	Managed Fund	188·9	198·8
165·6	145·2	Property Fund	155·4	165·6

IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
232·3	195·2	Global Fund	222·4	232·0
461·4	427·0	Managed Fund	456·7	480·7

LEGAL & GENERAL (UNIT ASS'CE.)

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
128·3	125·2	Cash Initial	121·5	127·9
153·1	144·0	Cash Accum	145·3	153·4
362·8	274·4	Equity Initial	336·1	352·9
444·9	338·6	Equity Accum	422·6	444·9
235·0	209·5	Fixed Initial	213·4	226·0
296·2	259·1	Fixed Accum	271·7	286·1
219·6	165·8	Intnl. Initial	204·1	214·7
256·9	221·4	Intnl. Acc.	249·3	253·2
276·2	236·1	Managed Initial	261·2	275·0
347·3	286·3	Managed Accum	326·5	343·6
151·8	143·6	Property Initial	143·8	151·4
191·0	176·6	Property Accum	181·4	191·0

LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
56·3	52·3	Global Growth Fund	53·4	56·1
53·9	46·2	Key Fund	47·0	49·5
27·5	24·4	Sel. Sec. A	26·1	27·5
28·3	23·8	Select Security Fund	24·6	26·0
119·2	106·2	Spearhead Fund	113·5	119·2
25·2	19·5	Blue Chip Fund	22·0	25·2
20·8	18·6	Fixed Yield Fund	19·7	20·8
16·8	15·3	Guaranteed Men. Fd	15·9	16·8
21·1	18·3	Managed Fund	20·0	21·1

LLOYD'S LIFE ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
211·0	197·9	Opt. 5 Dep. "A" Fd	200·4	211·0
372·2	265·2	Opt. 5 Equity "A" Fd	356·4	372·2
269·5	252·2	Opt. 5 H. Yld. "A" Fd	263·7	280·1
354·2	311·2	Opt. 5 Man. "A" Fd	336·4	354·2
276·1	271·1	Opt. 5 Prop. "A" Fd	262·2	276·0
114·6	100·2	High Inc. Tst. Fd.	106·1	111·8

LONDON & INDEMNITY & GENERAL INSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
73·8	67·5	Money Manager	71·3	75·8
65·0	56·5	Money Man. Flexible	61·7	65·0

LONDON LIFE LINKED ASSURANCE LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
307·5	286·2	Equity	—	307·5
184·1	162·1	Fixed Interest	—	179·7
154·5	139·3	International	—	154·5
234·5	199·6	Mixed	—	234·5
197·2	172·6	Property	—	197·2

LONDON LIFE MANAGED FUNDS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
251·5	173·5	Equity P	—	251·5
157·6	172·2	Fixed Interest P	—	164·5
125·4	126·6	Indexed Stock P	—	122·7
126·9	124·2	International P	—	126·1
190·3	158·6	Mixed P	—	190·3
144·5	138·2	Property P	—	144·8

LONDON & MANCHESTER GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
525·3	454·5	Capital Growth Fd	—	525·0
256·7	238·4	Flexible Fund	—	255·7
154·6	147·2	Guaranteed Dep. Fd.	—	154·6
380·4	311·9	Invest. Trust Fund	—	380·3
181·2	156·6	Money Maker Fund	—	169·9
131·7	128·1	Property Fund	—	131·7

MANUFACTURERS' LIFE INS. CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
128·2	120·5	Investment	122·6	127·7
173·9	160·9	Deposit	165·2	173·9
302·6	254·9	Equity	286·6	301·7
306·5	258·6	Gilt-Edged	283·0	297·9
252·5	226·8	International	239·6	252·2
283·6	231·1	Managed	273·2	287·6
229·4	197·1	Property	217·9	229·4

MERCHANT INVESTORS ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
201·4	190·5	Conv. Deposit Bond	—	201·4
131·5	128·6	Equity Bond	—	131·5
212·9	182·2	Managed Bond	—	212·5
254·8	235·1	Money Market Bond	—	251·7
282·1	271·5	Property Bond	—	282·1
237·5	206·2	Intnl. Equity	—	237·5
220·9	194·8	Intnl. Managed	—	220·9
126·6	128·6	North America	—	121·2

M. & G. GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
171·9	134·8	America Bond	159·2	167·2
212·8	174·7	American Recovery	207·0	217·4
128·9	101·2	Australasian	112·4	118·2
152·5	132·1	Commodity	137·4	144·4
201·0	180·2	Convert. Deposit Bd	191·3	201·0
176·6	149·4	Equity Bond	168·1	176·6
396·0	324·2	Equity Accum	376·1	395·1
215·3	152·8	Extra Yield Bond	200·2	210·3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Family Bonds 1982-86	520·0	—
137·1	110·8	Far Eastern	129·1	135·7
211·4	184·9	Gilt Bond	193·1	202·8
168·6	131·8	High Yield Bond	160·4	168·6
274·0	224·1	International Bonds	260·0	273·1
142·2	96·1	Japan Bonds	134·1	140·9
351·6	267·5	Managed Bonds	311·7	329·5
116·5	91·2	Mirror Bonds	116·3	—
279·3	282·3	Pers. Pension	—	850·3
264·8	255·1	Property Fund	252·1	264·8
180·2	143·4	Recovery Bond	171·5	180·2

N E L PENSIONS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
354·3	295·2	Nelex Equity Accum	336·6	354·3

NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE Plc.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
377·8	322·5	Kiw. Key Inv. Plan.	366·5	377·8
261·5	234·3	American	247·1	260·1
159·2	149·2	Deposit	149·6	157·5
187·0	172·9	Gilt	177·7	187·0
153·2	127·4	High Inc. Eqy. Dist.	154·6	162·7
116·6	96·9	High Inc. Fix Int Dis	102·0	107·4
355·2	325·2	Pacific	379·7	399·7
170·9	155·1	Property	152·9	160·9
174·5	143·0	U.K. Equity	166·2	175·9

NORWICH UNION INS. GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
185·1	172·6	Norwich Deposit Fd.	174·0	185·1
£10·06	856·8	Norwich Equity Fd.	951·5	£10·06
307·2	271·1	Norwich Fix. Int. Fd.	283·7	298·6
545·4	477·8	Norwich ManagedFd	516·2	543·4
279·3	265·2	Norwich PropertyFd	265·4	279·3

PHOENIX ASSURANCE CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
289·8	244·2	Wealth Assured Bds.	275·2	289·8

PROPERTY EQUITY AND LIFE ASS. CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
130·7	107·4	R.S. Equity Bond	—	130·7
265·8	224·6	R.S. Flex. Mon. Bd.	—	265·8
124·9	109·7	R.S. Managed Bond	—	124·9
108·6	102·5	Int. Mnged. Cur. Fd.	—	108·6

PROPERTY GROWTH ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
532·7	404·7	Equity Fund	532·7	532·7
521·5	393·3	Equity Fund (A)	521·5	521·5
206·9	185·9	Gilt Edged Fund	206·9	206·9
208·5	185·8	Gilt Edged Fund (A)	232·5	208·5
289·2	235·6	Intnl. Fund	281·0	281·0
289·2	235·6	Intnl. Fund (A)	281·0	281·0
156·2	134·7	Investment Fund	156·2	156·2
152·6	131·5	Investment Fd. (A)	152·6	152·6
236·3	239·0	Money Fund	236·3	236·3
231·3	215·0	Money Fund (A)	231·3	231·3

PROVIDENCE CAP. LIFE ASS'CE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
133·0	112·6	Equity Acc	124·1	131·3
102·1	87·6	Fixed Int. Acc	94·6	99·8
94·4	78·4	Intnl. Acc	89·1	94·0
108·8	94·9	Managed Acc	102·6	108·2
139·2	129·4	Property Acc	131·9	139·2
84·0	68·3	Special Market Fund	78·5	82·9

PROVIDENT LIFE ASSOC. OF LONDON LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
604·0	492·0	Plus Units	575·0	604·0

PROVINCIAL LIFE ASS'CE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
211·8	156·9	High Income	200·5	211·8
193·9	155·4	International	181·2	191·0
347·5	290·1	Managed	327·8	345·5
296·5	180·8	North American	208·8	252·2
264·9	208·0	Technology	225·7	240·2

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE CO. LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
142·3	124·0	Prulund Managed F.	136·3	142·0

PRUDENTIAL PENSIONS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
£75·99	£56·63	Equity Fund	£73·71	£75·99
£46·23	£39·59	Fixed Interest Fund	£44·60	£45·19
£13·82	£10·66	International Fund	£13·32	£13·73
£58·71	£55·22	Property Fund	£56·96	£58·71
£13·07	£11·64	Cash	£13·07	£13·07
186·3	154·1	Managed	178·8	186·3
131·3	119·8	Cash Fund	126·0	131·3

REFUGE INVESTMENTS LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
177·6	124·1	Managed	168·7	177·6
145·6	131·6	Property	136·4	145·6

RELIANCE MUTUAL INSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
173·3	141·9	Equity Fund	164·0	173·6
165·9	140·2	Managed Fd.	155·0	165·1

ROWAN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
375·4	342·3	Rowan Bond	340·4	387·3

ROYAL INSURANCE GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
415·1	348·6	Royal Shield	392·5	415·1

ROYAL LONDON MUTUAL INS. SOC. LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
205·8	170·1	R.L. Mixed Fund	195·1	205·4

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
305·4	265·9	Balanced Invest	286·4	303·1
206·5	187·8	Deposit Fund	195·1	206·5
67·4	50·7	Equity Pension Fd	63·3	67·4
250·5	224·5	Gilt Fund	232·7	246·3
96·7	79·8	Global Equity Fund	90·6	95·6
75·0	66·8	Global Pension	70·8	75·0
65·8	52·0	Managed Pension Fd	61·7	65·3
326·1	288·5	Property Fund	288·1	305·1
60·0	55·7	Property Pension Fd	55·7	59·0

SCHRODER LIFE GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
204·6	173·5	American (4)	188·9	198·9
194·5	180·7	Deposit (4)	184·8	194·6
580·1	500·8	Equity (4)	550·5	580·1
273·5	246·0	Fixed Int. (4)	255·7	269·3
157·8	135·6	Gilt & Fixed Int. (4)	139·1	146·5
234·5	188·0	Income Dist. (4)	185·9	*201·1
252·7	209·0	Income Accum. (4)	249·1	252·3
198·5	168·0	International (4)	186·5	196·4
318·6	272·8	Managed (4)	298·5	314·3
200·8	171·2	Overseas (4)	189·3	199·4
298·5	282·0	Property (4)	283·5	298·5
256·7	214·1	Smaller Compan's (4)	242·6	255·5
251·0	210·0	Tokyo (4)	214·9	226·3
118·9	108·8	Deposit Pension (C)	113·6	119·9
347·7	282·2	Equity Pensions (C)	329·5	346·9
229·9	196·2	Fixed Int. Pen. (C)	207·6	218·6
126·6	109·4	Guaranteed Pen. (C)	116·3	122·6
106·1	95·5	Index-Link Gilt Pn(C)	99·7	105·0
777·1	660·9	Managed Pension (C)	737·4	776·3
263·4	211·9	Property Pension (C)	250·1	263·4
205·2	165·7	Spec Exempt Pen (C)	192·7	202·9

SCOTTISH AMICABLE INVESTMENTS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
127·9	120·8	Cash	121·5	127·9
232·6	153·8	Equity	220·9	232·6
162·5	145·5	Fixed Interest	154·2	162·4
195·1	168·4	International	183·1	192·8
193·9	166·4	Managed	184·2	193·9
126·4	118·6	Property	120·0	126·4

SCOTTISH WIDOWS FUND & LIFE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
319·0	266·8	Invest. Policy Ser. I	319·0	319·0
311·7	280·3	Invest. Policy Ser. II	296·1	311·7
307·7	258·2	Invest. Policy Ser. III	292·3	307·7
167·5	157·8	Invest. Cash	159·1	167·5

SKANDIA LIFE ASS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
190·6	159·5	Equity Acc	178·7	188·1
157·4	143·1	Gilt Plus Acc	147·9	155·7
201·3	175·2	International Acc	189·6	199·6
175·7	152·4	Managed Acc	166·9	175·5

STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
262·2	213·0	Managed Fund	249·0	262·2
324·0	252·7	Pen. Managed Fund	307·8	324·0

SUN ALLIANCE LINKED LIFE INS.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
386·0	304·1	Equity Fund	366·7	386·0
251·9	204·2	Fixed Inter. Fund	214·2	225·5
245·3	190·9	International Fd.	230·5	242·7
300·8	249·0	Managed Fund	284·8	299·8
242·0	222·6	Property Fund	229·9	242·0
132·75	121·73	Intnl. Bond	—	127·96

SUN LIFE ASS. CO. OF CANADA (U.K.)

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
387·3	306·1	Maple Leaf Equity F	—	385·8
557·5	456·9	Maple Leaf GrowthF	—	557·5
318·2	274·7	Maple Leaf Man. Fd.	—	317·9
579·3	381·9	Pers. Pen. Plan	—	579·3
208·4	176·8	Pension Man. Cap	197·9	208·4
284·0	236·4	Pension Man. Acc	269·7	284·0

SUN LIFE UNIT ASSURANCE LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
168·9	150·4	Cash	160·4	168·9
155·6	136·4	Distribution	138·5	145·8
433·1	336·4	Equity	411·4	433·1
192·0	171·2	Fixed Interest	177·0	186·4
240·2	202·5	International	227·3	239·3
324·8	274·8	Managed	308·5	324·8
206·0	189·7	Property	195·7	206·0

TARGET LIFE ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
225·4	129·7	Deposit Fd. Inc	118·0	124·3
152·0	132·7	Fixed Int. Fd. Inc	134·7	141·8
237·5	212·8	Gilt Pen Fd. Cap	217·8	229·3
316·2	279·5	Gilt Pen Fd. Acc	290·7	306·0
584·8	484·0	Man Pen Fd. Cap	555·5	584·8
850·4	692·5	Man Pen Fd. Acc	767·9	808·4
230·0	179·0	Managed Fd. Inc	206·0	216·9
309·9	255·6	Managed Fd. Acc	294·4	309·9
203·7	157·8	Ret. Plan Cap	190·9	203·7
312·8	234·2	Ret. Plan Acc	293·2	312·8

TEACHERS ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
113·4	106·9	Cash Fund	107·7	113·4
119·1	104·2	Gilt & Fixed Int. Fd.	110·3	116·1
135·3	114·5	Managed Fund	128·5	135·3

TRANSINTERNATIONAL LIFE INS. CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
521·1	458·7	Tulip Invest Fund	399·4	420·5
296·0	253·3	Tulip Managed Fund	280·8	295·5
214·2	183·3	Managed Bond Fund	203·3	213·9
329·6	271·4	Managed Pen. Cap	313·2	329·6
325·5	353·3	Managed Pen. Acc	405·0	424·2
209·9	151·5	Managed Inv. Initial	199·5	209·9
243·6	206·7	Managed Inv. Acc	231·5	243·6

TRIDENT LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
227·5	191·6	American	210·9	222·1
249·9	220·8	Fiscal	237·3	249·9
225·4	199·1	Gilt Edged	209·8	220·9
295·0	257·8	Growth Accum	280·2	295·0
107·7	95·0	Henderson Active	102·5	107·6
510·5	395·0	High Yield	294·9	310·5
179·9	153·5	International	168·6	177·6
256·1	222·8	Managed	243·2	256·1
307·0	257·8	Property	291·6	307·0
331·4	265·2	Pens. Equity Acc	314·7	331·4
255·4	221·6	Pens. Gilt Edged Ac.	236·2	248·8
344·5	295·0	Pens. Managed Acc.	327·2	344·5
312·5	272·5	Pens. Property Acc.	296·7	312·5
115·5	99·0	Perpetual Active	105·1	110·6
115·5	103·0	Swiss Bond Fund	105·3	110·9
92·0	76·2	Trident Bonds	87·3	92·0
267·5	225·1	U.K. Equity Fd.	253·8	267·5
115·4	107·2	Woodwich Fund	109·6	115·4

TYNDALL ASSURANCE LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
191·6	185·0	Property Fund	—	184·7
247·5	221·0	5-way Fund	—	247·5

VANBRUGH LIFE ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
198·3	186·2	Cash Fund	188·3	198·3
659·7	525·5	Equity Fund	630·0	662·7
301·5	264·9	Fixed Interest Fund	278·2	292·9
262·7	218·1	International Fund	247·4	260·5
346·9	295·0	Managed Fund	329·5	346·9
251·3	221·7	Property Fund	238·6	251·3
416·7	322·4	Equity Pension	395·8	416·7
267·6	225·5	Fixed Int. Pension	248·9	262·1
144·7	124·4	Inter Money Pension	136·9	144·2
309·5	255·4	Managed Pension	294·0	309·5
217·2	201·3	Property Pension	205·7	217·2
11·25	8·44	Guaranteed Pen.	—	9·87

WARBURG INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (IOM) LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
63·7	55·1	Merc. IOM Fund	59·4	63·2
45·5	39·4	Merc. Intnl. Bond Fd	42·7	45·5

WINDSOR LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
327·7	275·0	Accum Pen Units	311·3	327·7
185·1	165·3	Flex. Inv. Growth	175·8	185·1
183·4	159·4	Investors Units	174·0	183·2

* Ex-distribution.
† Based on offer prices.
WX Ex-withdrawal

MONEY & EXCHANGES

Pound loses early gains

PUBLICATION of the December money supply figures killed off hopes of an immediate rise in bank base rates yesterday and sent the pound sharply into reverse after a good start to the day.

The figures immediately resulted in a ½ p.c. reduction in the cost of borrowing on London's money markets, takin gthe key three-month interbank rate down to nearly 10 p.c.

This upset international investors whose view of sterling has been supported in recent days by signs that United Kingdom interest rates will rise. The pound closed half a cent up in dollar terms, at $1·1495, but lost much of the big gains made in New York overnight.

The sterling index improved from 72·6 to 72·7

THE POUND ABROAD

	8-1-85	Prev. close
Austria	25·48–·48	25·52–·56
Belgium*	73·65–·64	72·70–·80
Canada	1·5167–·5185	1·5129–·5147
Denmark	12·9521–·9691	12·9597–·9739
France	11·0936–·1148	11·1160–·1334
Germany W	3·6257–·6300	3·6348–·6391
Holland	4·0921–·0991	4·1043–·1101
Ireland	1·1660–·1620	1·1600–·1680
Italy	2219·87–2224·10	2229·89–2234·00
Japan	291·59–·67	292·89–293·32
Norway	10·4737–·4886	10·4836–·5042
Portugal	194·76–196·08	195·80–197·11
Spain	199·24–·53	200·18–·44
Sweden	10·3709–·3857	10·3720–·3868
Switzerland	3·0276–·0326	3·0285–·0329
Utd. States	1·1490–·1500	1·1440–·1460

* Convertible rate.

Effective Sterling Exchange Rate Index NOON 72·8 (72·5) CLOSE 72·7 (72·6) (Base 1975 = 100)

OTHER MARKET RATES

Argentina	Peso 215·33–215·70
Australia	A$1·4175–1·4205
Brazil	Cruzeiro 3707·00–3729·00
Cyprus	C£0·7437–0·7485
Finland	Markka 7·5548–7·5604
Greece	Drachma 146·90–149·86
Hong Kong	HK $8·9680–8·9780
India	Rupee 14·4092
Iraq*	Dinar 0·3580–0·3568
Kuwait	Dinar 0·3405–0·3535
Malaysia	Ringgit 2·8500–2·8400
Saudi Arabia	Riyal 4·1100–4·1500
Singapore	S$2·6220–2·5320
South Africa	Rand 2·4010–2·4295
United Arab Emirates	Dirham 4·2175–4·253

* Subject to limit.

DOLLAR RATES

	8-1-85	Prev. close
France	9·6850	9·7125
Germany	3·1548	3·1730
Switzerland	2·6365	2·6440
Japan	253·67	254·95
Trade weighted ave.	145·70	146·08

EUROCURRENCIES

DOLLARS:
7 days 8¼–8⅛ — 1 month 8⅝–8½
3 months 8¾–8⅝ — 6 months 9⅛–9

MARKS:
7 days 5½–5⅜ — 1 month 5½–5⅜
3 months 5½–5⅜ — 6 months 5½–5⅜

SWISS FRANCS:
7 days 3–3¼ — 1 month 4⅛–4
3 months 4¼–4⅛ — 6 months 4¼–4⅛

FORWARD RATES

The forward rates for currencies for one month and three months are as follows:

	One month	Three months
Austria	6½–5¼ Grn.pm	19½–16½ Grn.pm
Belgium	2–7 c.dis	2–11 c.dis
Canada	·05 c.pm–·02 c.dis	0·18–0·10 c.pm
Denmark	2⅛–3⅞ ore dis	5⅛–6⅝ ore dis
France	⅛–1⅛ c.dis	⅛–1⅛ c.dis
Germany W	1½–1¼ Pf pm	4⅛–4⅛ Pf pm
Holland	1⅝–1⅜ c.pm	4⅞–4⅝ c.pm
Italy	6–10 Lire dis	19–24 Lire dis
Japan	1⅞–1⅝ Yen pm	3–2¾ Yen pm
Norway	2⅛–3⅞ ore dis	6⅛–7⅛ ore dis
Portugal	30–110 c.dis	715–1695 c.dis
Spain	40–55 c.dis	120–145 c.dis
Sweden	1–1½ ore dis	3–3½ ore dis
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COMPANIES

Montagu unloads Amari holding

SIX MONTHS after underwriting the disastrous stock market flotation of steel and plastics stockholding group Amari, in which less than 3 p. of the shares were taken up by the public, merchant bank Samuel Montagu has taken advantage of the recent strength in the share price to dispose of the bulk of its shareholding.

Montagu was left with 14·1 p.c. of the Amari equity, which had been offered at 112p a share but opened dealings in July at only 85p. Yesterday the merchant bank announced that it had sold 2·7 million of its 4·1 million shares at 112½p each, leaving it with just 4·8 p.c. of the company.

News of the deal, announced after the market close, left Amari shares down 7p at 115p.

Mountleigh Group

INTERIM figures from Mountleigh Group for the half year to October 31 show pre-tax profits up from £835,000 to £1·1m on turnover of £7·6m against £5·4m.

The interim dividend is doubled to 2p a share, to be paid on April 12.

The chairman, Tony Clegg, is confident that the increased rate of profit will be maintained in the second half and he forecasts a dividend increase of 18 p.c. to a total of 6·5p a share against 5·5p.

Brasway

BRASWAY's October confidence is providing fully justified for it has followed a year when it swung from pre-tax losses of £388,000 to a profit of £422,500, with £400,900 for the opening half as against £195,300.

Reginald Swaby the chairman, commenting on this record outturn says it was a period of growth with two new divisions created embracing oil blending and tubular products. The three large divisions, scrap processing, tube and bright bar are still trading well, although the miners' strike is continuing to affect some of their customers.

He believes that the group is on course for a very good year as turnover and profits currently show a significant increase over that of last year.

He adds that subject to the remaining months continuing to meet expectations, the board will be as generous as possible with the final dividend.

The interim goes up from equal to 0·5p to 0·75p on February 20.

IN BRIEF

Xyllyx: Board states it is unlikely that company will show a profit for year to March 31, but prospects remain good. (Pre-tax losses of £177,000 for the half-year to Sept. 30 announced December last).

BIDS AND DEALS

Tootal–Entrad

Entrad Investment, the Australian textile giant, has sold a further 550,000 Tootal shares, reducing its holding to 6·8 p.c.

The Australian company recently built up a 7·22 p.c. holding and was said to be interested in acquiring 15 p.c. to 20 p.c. before seeking board representation. Last week it sold 400,000 shares.

Winterbottom Trust

WINTERBOTTOM Energy Trust talks with London Merchant Securities have been discontinued L M S has meanwhile, acquired a 23·04 p.c. stake in Winterbottom from Prudential Corporation as part of its portfolio of long-term investments. Winterbottom will offer L M S board representation. Winterbottom full-year results show pre-tax revenue up from £453,000 to £716,000, and earnings from 0·85p to 1·56p. An 0·5p final on March 12, plus an 0·85p special bonus, makes 1·55p (0·8p).

Close Brothers

CLOSE BROTHERS is to subscribe for a controlling interest in Close Investment Management recently formed by Jonathan Thornton. Mr Thornton was previously deputy managing director of C I N Industrial Investments, the unlisted investment arm of the National Coal Board Pension Funds. C I M will manage some £20m of investments of Close Brothers held by subsidiary Safeguard Investments.

Carlton Comm.

CARLTON Communications has acquired Integrated Holdings, whose main subsidiary is Syma System (U.K.), for £900,000, to be satised by £100,000 in cash and 130,000 Carlton Ordinary shares.

Syma pioneered the development of integrated structural systems for ehibition stands, and its accounts for the half-year to June 30 showed pre-tax profits of £85,000 and net assets of £510,000.

Staffordshire

STAFFORDSHIRE Potteries (Holdings) has sold its troubled Canadian subsidiary, Staffordshire Potteries (Canada), to Bridkman Importing for an aggregate consideration of C$909,000 (£596,000).

NEW ISSUES

Bennett & Fountain

BENNETT & FOUNTAIN, a retailer and supplier of wholesale electric equipment and components in the South of England, makes its debut on the unlisted securities market on Monday.

Set up by brother Jack and Philip Pomper with one store in London's West End after the war, the company acquired the Bennett & Fountain wholesale business for just £30,000 in 1960.

The company is being brought to the market following a reverse takeover of Rubber Estates of Ceylon, by brokers Fiske & Co., who are placing 20 million 10p shares, 54 p.c. of the equity, at par. Capitalised at £5·88 million, the company has pushed pre-tax profits on from £355,000 to £675,000 in the two years to end March 1984, and is forecasting not less than £750,000 pre-tax for 1984-85.

The £2 million being raised will be used to further expand the business, acquire properties and repay loans.

Bristol Oil

BENGAL Oil and Gas is issuing 140m new shares in consideration for $2·8m (£2·45m) in aggregate or a price of 2 cents per share. Of the shares, 100m are being acquired by Anglo Swiss Energy S.A., a Luxembourg investment company and 40m by Bristol Oil and Minerals, Bengal's major stockholder.

These funds will enable the company to repay a substantial proportion of its existing loans and to provide for drilling expenses.

NEW LIFE BUSINESS

Commercial Union

NEW LIFE assurance premiums taken by Commercial Union worldwide rose 17 p.c. last year to £5·8m and single premiums increased 22 p.c. to £106m, helped by the acquisition of L'Epargne de France. But in the United Kingdom there was a slight decline in annual premium policies though the company says this was not caused by the removal of tax relief.

Like other companies Commercial Union has benefited from people seeking pensions policies to replace life assurance. A rise of 158 p.c. in single premium policies to £22·8m is the result of investment in the unit-linked funds and transferred to the pensions management.

Scottish Amicable Life Assurance: Individual new annual premiums in the United Kingdom £60·2m (£50·1m); single premiums £71·9m (£605m). Total group and managed fund revenue £385m (£196m). Total premium revenue of the Scottish Amicable Group £620m (£454m). Total British funds under management now £5·36bn.

COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL MARKETS
(Rudolf Woolff Report)

COPPER: Steady. Wire Bars: Off. settlement £1,155 (£1,145·50), cal. money cash £1,155-£1,156, 3 mths. £1,158-£1,158·50. Alt. close cash £1,152-£1,153, 3 mths. £1,159·50-£1,160. T/O, 15,825 tonnes. Cathode: Jdt. Off. settlement £1,147 (£1,134), cal. midday cash £1,145-£1,147, 3 mths. £1,160-£1,162. Alt. close cash £1,145-£1,147, 3 mths. £1,160-£1,162. T/O, nil tonnes.

TIN: Former. Off. settlement £9,810 (£9,840), cal. midday cash £9,800-£9,810, 3 mths. £9,760-£9,765. Alt. close cash £9,870-£9,885, 3 mths. £9,805-£9,810. T/O, 825 tonnes.

LEAD: Steady. Off. settlement £382 (£382), cal. midday cash £380-£382, 3 mths. £329·50-£330. Alt. close cash £383-£385, 3 mths. £329·50-£330. T/O, 14,425 tonnes.

ZINC: Steady. Off. Settlement £718 (£706). Off. Midday Cash £717-£718, 3 Mths £707·50-£708. Alt Close Cash £716-£718, 3 Mths £707-£708. T/O 6,150 Tonnes.

SILER: Quiet. Midday Cash 524·0p-524·5p, 3 Mths 537·5p-537·0p. Alt Close Cash 525·5p-524·5p, 3 Mths 536·5p-537·5p. T/O 57 Lots of 10,000 ozs each.

ALUMINIUM: Steady. Off Settlement £909·50 (£890). Off. Midday Cash £909-£909·50, 3 Mths £931-£931·50. Alt Close Cash £908-£909, 3 Mths £931-£931·50. T/O 9,400 Tonnes.

NICKEL: Steadier. Off Settlement £4,157 (£4,212). Off Midday Cash £4,155-£4,157, 3 Mths £4,192-£4,195. Alt Close Cash £4,185-£4,185, 3 Mths £4,205-£4,210. T/O 1,128 Tonnes.

LONDON GOLD FUTURES (price in $): Feb. 301·95, April 305·45. T/O 50 Lots of 100 Troy Oz. each.

LONDON SILVER MARKET: Spot 525·35 (509·85), 3 Mths 539·05 (522·20), 6 Mths 552·10 (535·85), 1 Yr 580·65 (563·75).

PLATINUM: Free-Market £238·40 (£236).

LONDON COMMODITY MARKETS

RUBBER: Spot, 63·25-65·25 (62-65). Futures: Quietly steady. Feb. £526-£540, March £590-£550, April £600-660, May £610-£670, June £670-£680, July £650-£690, Aug. £650-£710, Sept. £660-£720, Oct. £670-£730. T/O 12 Lots.

SUGAR: East African quoted levels. No. 1 Basis $670 No. 3 Long $650. C.I.F., Antwerp Prices.

SUGAR: London Daily Price. Raws £34·50, £37·50. No. 6 Contract. $ per tonne. March 121-121·20, May 129-129·40, Aug. 139·60-140·40, Oct. 147-147·20, Dec. 153-154, March 168·60-169, May 175-175·80. T/O 1,855 Lots.

SOYA MEAL: Firmer. Feb. £145-£145·50, April £145·70-£145·50, June £146·10-£145·50, Aug. £147·20-£147·80, Oct. £148-£150, Dec. £149-£151. T/O 674 Lots.

COCOA: £ per ton: March 1931, May 1934, July 1938, Sept. 1938, Dec. 1882. Sales: 3,966.

COFFEE: £ per ton: Jan. 2245, March 2280, May 2291, July 2295, Sept. 2288, Nov. 2300, Jan. 2290. Sales: 1,259.

CRUDE OIL: Rotterdam spot prices in $: Arab light 28·05, Dubai 27·25, Arab Heavy 26·55, North Sea (Forties) 26·55, North Sea (Brent) 26·65, Nigerian Bonny Medium 26·90.

GAS OIL FUTURES: Jan. 228-225·25, Feb. 227-26·75, March 221·50-25, April 218-25·18, May 217·50-17, June 217-15, July 216-12, Aug. 221-12, Sept. 225-10. Premier Man.

LONDON GRAIN MARKETS

BARLEY, £ per ton: Jan. 111·25, March 113·60, May 116·45, Sept. 98, Nov. 101·40. Wheat, £ per ton: Jan. 110·90, March 113·65, May 117·30, July 119·55, Sept. 97·95, Nov. 101·30.

HGCA: Locational ex-farm spot prices, £: Feed wheat 108·20 (unch) feed barley 108·70 (unch). SW: Feed wheat 108·20 (unch), feed barley 109·80 (unch). W. Midlands: Feed wheat 108·50 (unch), feed barley 107·90 (unch). NW: Feed wheat 108·90 (unch), 107·40 (unch). UK monetary coefficient for the week beginning Jan. 14 (based on HGCA calculations using five days' exchange rates) is expected to remain unchanged.

(GAFTA)

HIGMEAT (Gafta): Feb. 110·2p, April 108·8p, June 106·8p, Aug. 103·6p, Oct. 109·8p, Nov. 110·2p. T/O 63 Lots.

POTATOES (Gafta): Feb. £46·80, April £58, May £60·50, Nov. £70·50, Feb. £92·50. T/O 729 Lots of 40 tonnes each.

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Average fatstock prices: GB cattle 97·76p per kg lw (+2·46), GB sheep 111·08p per kg est dcw (−16·28), GB pigs 84·54p per kg lw (−1·25). England and Wales: Cattle nos up 63·7 p.c., ave. price 97·67p (+2·37), sheep nos up 65·3 p.c., ave. price 169·24p (−18·12), pig nos up 217·7 p.c., ave. price 83·87p (−1·90).

THE QUESTOR COLUMN

P&O-Sterling fine romance

MARRIAGE is just around the corner for Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation and Sterling Guarantee Trust.

That is the clear story from the market and recent activity in both share prices reflects its confidence that a deal will be struck.

Just how the deed will be done is another matter and there is plenty of conjecture about this, though nobody seems to be suggesting that Sterling Guarantee, which currently holds 20 p.c. of P & O, will itself mount an all-out bid.

One view is that a holding company will be set up to acquire both companies with the terms determined by the respective size of each company. This would give P. & O. holders the upper hand.

There are, however, problems with this idea. For a start a successful merger would require the approval of both sets of shareholders. Also P. & O. is a Royal Charter company, which means that it is governed by a slightly different set of legal restrictions than a public limited company like Sterling Guarantee.

A much more likely way would be for P. & O. to make an agreed all-share offer for Sterling Guarantee. Approval would then be required from only P. & O. shareholders and there should be no interference with its special status.

Given the current share prices of 323p for the P. & O. deferred and 70p for the Sterling Ordinary the terms will probably pitched at around one P. & O. share for every four or five Sterling — depending on the P. & O. share price on the crucial day.

The most likely outcomt is a bid worth around 82p for every Sterling share which suggests that punters should be weighting their purchases more towards Sterling at present.

It should be a happy marriage. Both are on rising profits trends and a combined expectation of P. & O.'s 1984 profits and Sterling's figures to March 1985 is for £92 million pre-tax.

On a combined notional share price that gives an earnings multiple of 15 and, assuming P. & O.'s dividend is maintained on the enlarged group, a yield of 6·5 p.c.

The only remaining question is what will happen to Sterling's 20 p.c. P. & O. stake, and the most likely answer is that Sir Jeffrey Sterling is already arranging to place it around the market.

Robertson earns its premium

THE Union flag flies over Robertson Research following yesterday's placing of 3·5 million shares previously held by the S N C Group of Montreal with a variety of United Kingdom institutions.

The placing raised £8 million for the sellers, improves marketability, and removes any danger that Robertson once faced of becoming a foreign-owned subsidiary. With a comfortable cash position—£2 million on deposit—the placement is not seen as laying the groundwork for a Robertson fund raising exercise, though clearly with an all-British share register that could be quickly arranged should the need arise.

Robertson came to the market with an offer for sale of 20 p.c. of the equity, at 160p last March, an issue which in those heady days was oversubscribed 122 times. The share raced ahead to touch the £3 a share mark, but since July has traded steadily around the 234p mark.

Meanwhile the interim report to September 30 showing pre-tax profits of £1·17 million against £822,000 underlines estimates that the group is headed for the £2·5 million pre-tax mark in the year to end March compared with £1·8 million seen in 1984. Whatever the uncertainty in oil markets, international work goes on, governments continue to call for studies, and its specialist engine ring arm remains a growth area.

Given its international spread and because customers are generally dollar-based, the group is a beneficiary from sterling's weakness.

The absence of a strictly comparable share leaves Robertson on a prospective price/earnings ratio of 18·7 in a class of its own. Essentially investors are backing brain power, and that always deserves a premium.

Pearl shares undervalued

THE life assurance sector has worked itself into such a state of takeover fever following B A T Industries' bid for Hambro Life that even Pearl Assurance saw its shares pushed through the £10 barrier for the first time yesterday.

For the moment, fears that the next Budget will do for pensions what the last one did for life assurance, have been pushed to one side. In any case, the withdrawal of tax relief on new life contracts in the last Budget does not seem to have had a catastrophic impact on the industry, to judge by the flow of new life business figures.

Takeover hopes are thrust to the fore, and why not? After all, if any sector of business could be said to be in "financial services" marketed to the consumer, life assurance must.

The favourites are the pure life companies, Equity and Law Life and Sun Life Assurance. Both are potential targets with Sun Life the most likely to go. It has been the best performer for earnings and dividend growth over the past five years, but its vulnerability stems from the 26 p.c. stake held by Liberty Life of South Africa.

Liberty Life is run by a South African businessman Donald Gordon, who started his career in the office as Hambro Life's Mark Weinberg. The latter has done his "big deal," and it is likely that Sun Life will become pivotal in Liberty Life's plans.

But, as Capel-Cure Myers point out in a detailed study of the life sector, the shares of both Equity and Law and Sun Life stand at significant premiums to net assets, whereas Pearl is substantially undervalued.

Pearl lacks glamour. It aims its products towards the lower end of the market and has significant general business in household and motor insurance. In unit-linked insurance it is unexciting gand its marketing still follows the "Man from the Pru" pattern.

But it has immense strength in reserves, will be the least affected if pensions are hit in the Budget and the shares, even at last night's £10 10p, are still 550p below the likely asset value.

Racal expects Vodafone loss

RACAL is budgeting for losses of around £20 million before its new celluar telephone service, currently limited to the Greater London area, starts to make a profit.

The newly-launched Racal Vodafone offshoot expects a loss of £12 million this year and £8 million next before turning the corner and producing a profit of £5 million in 1987 and building up to £37 million by the end of the decade.

Racal is planning to invest £200 million, mainly over the next two years, in developing its service in competition with British Telecom. The main market is businessman on the move and Racal estimates that it can corner 50 p.c. of the total market.

Chris Gent, managing director, said yesterday that Racal sales this year could be around 10,000, rising to 40,000 next year and by the end of the decade the company could have 200,000-300,000 customers.

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Candidates with University degree or equivalent qualification required, preferred age range 25-50. Previous experience in public relations is essential. Current driving licence required.

Apply for details and application form, enclosing SAE to:

Margaret Harris
Personnel Assistant
The National Trust
36 Queen Anne's Gate
London, SW1H 9AS

Closing date: 25 January 1985

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Candidates, ideally aged under 40 years, should be graduates and Chartered Electrical Engineers with proven E & I team managment ability. Their experience should include design of electrical, process control and instrumentation systems and working with these disciplines on site. Exposure to projects in offshore platforms, power stations, water treatment (desalination and Reverse Osmosis) would be an advantage. The company offers a comprehensive benefits package, good career prospects and assistance with relocation.

In the first instance, candidates should forward comprehensive career, qualification and relevant personal details to: Ref. MA 538, Robert Marshall Advertising Ltd., 44 Wellington Street, London WC2E 7DJ.

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Mrs Nina Downey
Personnel Officer
Concord Lighting Ltd.,
Avis Way,
Newhaven, E. Sussex, BN9 0ED.

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Aluminium Glazed Systems

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Please write with current C.V. to:

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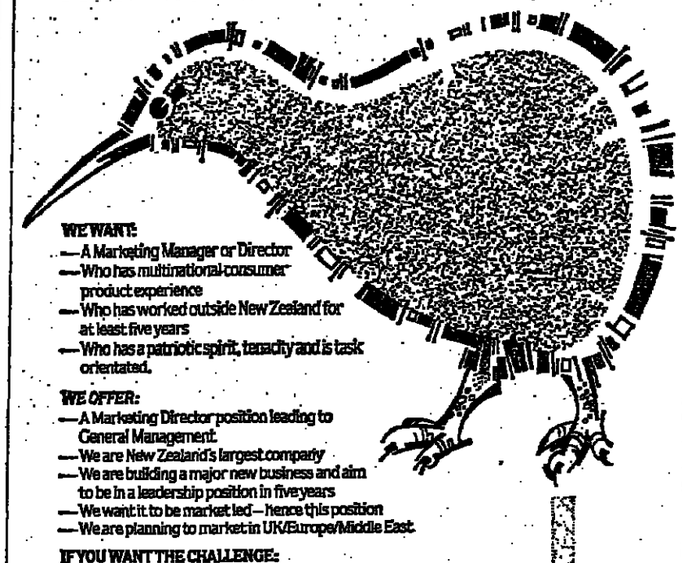

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South East Thames Regional Health Authority

District General Managers

Applications are invited for District General Managers in the following districts:

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As a result of a review of NHS management arrangements District Health Authorities are, for the first time, seeking General Managers who will have overall responsibility for establishing strategic plans and for leading a multi-disciplinary team in a corporate approach to meeting the health needs of the community. The General Manager will set objectives designed to provide optimum levels of health care for the resources available. He/she will monitor performance and be accountable for results.

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Typically a DHA has an annual budget of £45 million, employs 4,500 staff and serves a population of 250,000.

Appointments will be made initially for a minimum of three years and this may be extended by mutual agreement. Remuneration will be negotiable and will be related to that of Senior NHS Officers.

Further particulars of any or all posts are available on application from the Regional Personnel Officer, Thrift House, Collington Avenue, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex TN39 3NQ or by telephone (0424) 222555. Completed applications will be required by Health Authorities by 25th January 1985. Ref: 4241.

Interviews will be conducted by individual authorities.

Business Development Executive

Our client, part of a large, international group, is seeking to expand its share of the market in the building refurbishment sector, and, accordingly, is seeking a young executive with considerable flair and initiative to complement a broadly based knowledge of that market.

He/she will have:
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- ★ A keen contracting instinct
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The person appointed is likely to be in the 28-45 years age group, and, ideally, will be located in the South East/Essex area.

The salary offered is highly competitive and the other conditions of employment reflect the importance of the post. Prospects of advancement within the group are excellent.

Please write with sufficient career details naming concerns to whom your application should not be forwarded to:

Gordon F. Vivian, Executive Director, (Ref: 12DT),

Gill Recruitment Associates

3 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, London WC2E 8PQ

RETAIL AREA MANAGEMENT

South London/South Midlands/North Wales

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- ★ *Please write in strictest confidence, with full c.v., to Donald Cross, Management Consultant, Adviser to the Company:*

c/o Personnel Department, Scott Bader Company Limited, Wollaston, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, NN9 7RL
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Ideally in your late 20's and of graduate calibre, you will possess either proven sales experience with a major finance house or, alternatively, a number of years' commercial or financial experience with a strong desire and determination to develop your career within sales. Through the qualities of numeracy, literacy and effective communication you will demonstrate your ability to negotiate at a senior level. The potential and ambition for progressive career development are essential.

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General Sales Manager

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Reporting to the expatriate company General Manager, he will determine sales objectives and devise and execute a strategy for their achievement. He will develop new business in all market sectors and plan for the widest possible national distribution. He will also contribute to general policy as a member of the company executive team.

Candidates should be aged between 28 and 35 and have had field sales management as well as major account fmcg selling experience. Meat products sales experience would be an advantage, as would some previous marketing involvement and a knowledge of the Saudi market.

Salary will be negotiated in the region of £23,000. Other terms include discretionary bonus, company car, medical, furnished accommodation, 3 holidays of 2 weeks each per year with air fares provided. Bachelor status. This is a permanent appointment on a renewable 12 months contract basis.

Write with full personal and career details in confidence to A.W. Morgan as adviser to the company on this appointment.

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27 THROGMORTON STREET, LONDON EC2N 2AN

AREA SALES MANAGERS

Office Products

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We wish to appoint two sales executives

(1) Northern England (2) Southern England

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Full product/sales training will be given.

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Please write with a detailed C.V. in confidence or telephone for an application form to:

Sales Manager,
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Alder Close,
Compton Industrial Estate,
Eastbourne,
East Sussex,
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Tel: 0323 641525

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Dasic International Limited,
Winchester Hill,
Romsey,
Hampshire, SO5 8YD.
Tel.: Romsey (0794) 512419.

EXPORT SALES & MARKETING MANAGER

To £15,000+Car

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Further expansion is clearly seen in export growth and the successful candidate will be responsible for achieving clearly defined targets. Essentially, you must have a proven record of success in Export Sales of industrial products via Distributors, coupled with formal exposure to marketing at some time in your career. Evidence of motivational skills in relation to those distributors is equally important. Initially, Europe is the principal market and the ability to do business in German and possibly French will be seen as a distinct advantage.

A direct reporting line to the Managing Director reflects the importance of this position. It should only be of interest to you if you are an ambitious achiever who wishes to work towards a Directorship in the medium term. The ideal age is 28-35 and the location is London.

To discuss this significant career opportunity, interested candidates (male/female) should contact our Associate Director, James Norris, who is advising on the appointment, on 01-258 3621 as soon as possible. (Twenty-four hour answering service)

Executive Facilities (Marketing) Ltd.
Specialist Marketing Recruitment
Clive House, 21A Conduit Place, London W2 1HS
Telephone: 01-258 3621

Herefordshire Health Authority

DISTRICT GENERAL MANAGER

The Authority requires a Manager with a proven track record of effective management at board level in a large public service or private organisation for this new and challenging post.

The District General Manager will be fully accountable for attaining the highest quality of health care services, within available resources, to a population in excess of 150,000. He/she will be expected to achieve this objective through the effective implementation of the corporate strategies, plans and policies of the Authority.

The District has a staff of nearly 3,000 and an annual revenue budget of around £22 million. Salary will be negotiable, but will interest those currently earning over £20,000 per annum. The appointment will be on a fixed term contract of up to 5 years duration, renewable by mutual agreement.

Informal enquiries may be made to the Chairman, **Mr John Champion (Tel: 0432 272012).** Job description and application form available from the **District Personnel Officer, Victoria House, Eign Street, Hereford, HR4 0AN (Tel: 0432 272012, Ext. 250).**

Closing Date for receipt of completed applications 31st January 1985.

Litton Kimball Systems

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Please apply to Kimball Systems 113/117 Gunnersbury Ave., Ealing, London W5 4LR. Tel: 01-993 3824.

c.$30,000 p.a. M. E. Marketing Mgr.

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At least an HND in electronics, male, aged 35-45. The ideal career path will have progressed from apprentice electrical engineer, through sales/ contract work with large electrical machines into proven sales achievement of UPS systems to the Communication/Computer industries. Will, in addition, be required to sell aircraft ground power supply systems. An outstanding career opportunity. Previous Middle East experience a definite advantage. Remuneration comprises salary plus performance related bonus. Fringe benefits include contributory pension, company car, medical/life cover, relocation expenses, and generous home leave arrangements.

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- Be an experienced, professional and successful salesperson.
- Live within the area.
- Have a mature understanding of a Retailers' opportunities.
- To be able to gain the respect of the owners of the business with whom we trade.
- Be prepared to tackle the job with hard work, energy, enthusiasm, and, on occasions, be prepared to stay away from home.

Pentax has always placed great importance on the Independent Photographic Retailer, so we require a person to maintain the high standards set by our current Sales Force.

The successful applicant is unlikely to be currently earning less than £14,000 per annum.

For this immediate vacancy, C.V.s are invited, together with a résumé of how you feel you meet the above criteria, to:

Paul Forster
U.K. Sales Manager
Pentax U.K. Limited
Pentax House
South Hill Avenue
South Harrow
Middlesex

CAR RENTAL MANAGER

MALE OR FEMALE

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The position offers a significant opportunity for career development with one of London's most successful motor trade groups. Written applications including full c.v. should be sent in the first instance to The Personnel Manager, British Car Rental, Canley Road, Coventry CV5 6QX. Interviews will be held locally.

Stratstone **British Car Rental**

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Send complete c.v. to S.E.18754, Daily Telegraph, E.C.4.

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You will be taking total responsibility for their medium sized contracts and assist on major contracts in either a design or project role.
Ideally your background should include at least three years in commercial design or projecting of air conditioning and heating systems and the ability to plan, programme and schedule all the necessary resources. Good man management skills are essential.
If you are 25–35, preferably with a degree or diploma in Environmental Engineering, our client offers good career opportunities and generous company benefits. Ref: 1/5000

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Britains front runner in the communications field has embarked on an aggressive sales and marketing campaign and needs an experienced executive to develop the sale of their text and data communications products.
This business development programme demands a professional Key Account Executive, educated to degree level and at least five years sales presentation and negotiation experience, preferably in office equipment or telecommunications.
Reporting to the Sales Manager you will be responsible for establishing and maintaining the distributor network and other customer contacts and cultivating the relationship with the key user.
The package includes a substantial basic salary plus excellent large company benefits. Ref: 1/5001

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You will be responsible for maintaining complete control of market intelligence on a global basis with specific responsibility for the control of pricing and quotation, involvement in contract negotiation and identifying and developing new business opportunities.
Your background must include experience in a commercial function within the automotive industry and ideally with a degree, be both numerate and articulate and able to communicate at all levels. Fluency in French is essential and preferably you will be able to converse in German. Ref: 1/5002

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A market leader in telecommunications needs an ambitious Software Engineer for a key role at their West Country base.
Using your innovative approach to design and test, you will be developing error-free software components for use in company products.
With at least two years experience ideally gained from an engineering environment, you should be fluent in a block-structured language such as PL/M or Coral and experienced in assembler language programming. If your background includes systems programming on minis or micros and protocols e.g. x 25, so much the better.
If you are 23–40 with a science or engineering degree, our client offers excellent career prospects and generous company benefits. Ref: 1/5003

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This position will appeal to young ambitious executives who want to develop their career within a large multi-national corporation.
You will be educated to A level standard with at least 3 years experience in export documentation, or a newly qualified graduate with some industrial placement work experience.
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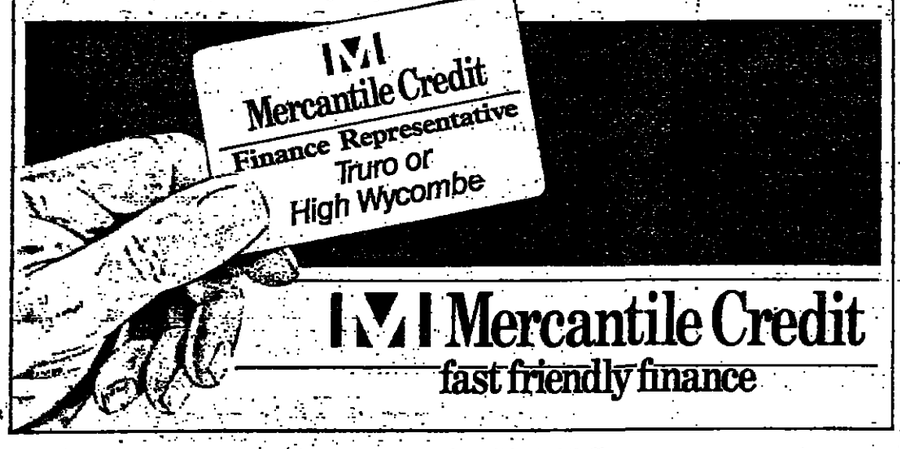

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CONSULTANT
(PART-TIME) TO THE SCHEME

The Teaching Company Scheme, jointly funded by SERC, DTI and industry itself, supports programmes involving close collaboration between industry and academy with the aims of improving the technical and business performance of individual firms, developing academy's understanding of industry, and providing attractive openings into industry for young graduates. The annual budget of the Scheme is about £7M and rising; over 30% of this is contributed by participating companies.

The Scheme operates by placing young graduates to work in companies on specially approved programmes under the joint supervision of senior industrial and academic staff. Initiation, selection and monitoring of these programmes is carried out by members of the Teaching Company Directorate, of which the consultant would be a member. Although most programmes are in the general field of manufacturing, a general expansion of the scale and scope of the Scheme will embrace many other industrial sectors.

Duties

The consultant will join the Directorate to assist in managing current programmes and in expanding the Scheme. He/she will be required to work closely with Managing Directors and Professors and should have substantial ability and experience in both technical and management matters. Appropriate industrial experience at a senior level is essential, together with understanding of the academic world.

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Blending with the landscape

WHEN faced with a building site years ago most developers made their first task the removal of all obstacles, such as trees, hedgerows and outcrops of rock, before building houses in straight lines on it. Flowering cherry trees might have been planted at every 20 paces along the roadside as a gesture to "landscape," but generally it was left to buyers to create their environment.

In these more enlightened times, however, a mature tree, or a stream, is accorded its rightful place in the development, and houses are planned in irregular groups around them.

The Bradford-based building company Victor Homes, a subsidiary of the Saudi Arabian Tetrad group, places particular emphasis on the right choice of materials. The developments which its staff showed me last week were on sites blessed with an abundance of established features, too.

First we visited North Grove Court, at Wetherby, Yorkshire, the site of a Victorian house which had the benefit of established gardens. When I visited it two years ago it was being developed by Northern Ideal Homes, but Victor Homes took over there about 18 months ago.

The original builder converted the old stable block into flats and built a number of detached houses in local stone.

The flats, ideal for young buyers and retired people, have about 680 square feet and either one or two bedrooms. Prices range between £24,750 and just under £30,000.

A little to the east of Wetherby is the ancient village of Clifford, and in the heart of the village, beside a fast flowing brook, is an old textile mill, closed a few years ago and until recently a decaying relic. It is being converted into 12 large two- and three-bedroom flats, all with fine rural views to the east. Those on the ground floor have two of the bedrooms on a mezzanine floor. All have about 1,400 square feet.

The curved windows, bricked up when Homes took over the mill, have been opened up. The high brick housing for the lift leaves a little to be desired, while a large projecting window along the entire length of the top floor will not please architectural purists, but the conversion provides 12 homes of great elegance on a site that was previously an eyesore.

The flats are priced between £46,000 and £56,000 and are all covered by the six-year protection scheme which the National House-Building Council now offers for conversions. Bernard Thorpe with Lionel Levine, of Leeds, are the agents.

Of special interest to the elderly is a development called Mill Garth Court, built in a former nursery, with some mature trees on its boundary, in Collingham, between Wetherby and Leeds. The 20 flats, built of stone with insulated block inner walls, are opposite a little shopping centre. J. S. Builders, a local firm is the constructor, and Bernard Thorpe the agents. All the flats have two bedrooms and prices range between £45,000 and £50,000.

Clifford's textile mill, West Yorkshire, is being converted into 12 flats — £46,000 to £56,000.

Round and about a reviving West Midlands

DUDLEY is picking itself up in the wake of the recession which dealt bitter blows in the West Midlands. A second enterprise zone has been announced, bringing to 644 acres the areas designed to encourage industry to relocate and expand.

From the property viewpoint, it is also a commuter area for Birmingham, while on the western and southern fringes are pleasant villages and open countryside. The snag is that while houses of character abound on these fronts, they are few and far between in, and immediately around, Dudley.

Along The Broadway, which skirts Priory Park and Castle Hill, are a trio of substantial four- and five-bedroom detached brick houses at prices from £50,000 to £70,000. The most expensive has a large L-shaped living room and all have gardens, garage and central heating. The agents are Allsop Sellers and Cariss Noel Thompson, both of Dudley.

Five minutes south by car at Quarry Bank, Brierley Hill is a detached cottage of brick with white rendered elevations, compact reception rooms, larger kitchen, four bedrooms and a yard with parking space. The price reflects the lack of privacy—£20,000. The agents are Gregson & Bellfield of Halesowen and Stourbridge.

To the north at Sedgley, near Cotwall End nature centre and valley, is a more imposing four-bedroom, double garage residence given some elaborate flourishes, such as display panels and Italianate fireplace and, outside, ornamental stone walls. The asking price is £52,500 and the agents are Allsop Sellers.

Stourbridge is the area for hunting homes with charm and history: though to make up for a lack of the latter many a developer has fallen for instant, old-world features. Four Elms Farm at Lutley, near Halesowen, is a listed grade II building, believed to date from the 16th century. This rural setting is only eight miles from Birmingham, and the M 5 is 10 minutes away. The house, with large lounge, modern kitchen, five bedrooms, and a suitable number of exposed beams, has lost its farm but still stands in more than two acres and includes a listed cowshed with Queen post trussed roof.

The paddock is bounded by a stream, and views extend to the Clent Hills. Offers in the region of £150,000 are invited by Banks & Silvers of Stourbridge.

At Oldswinford, on the outskirts of Stourbridge, a fine detached house called Holly Lodge, white rendered and dating from the last century, is expected to realise about £85,000: with planning permission it might become a guest house (currently there are six to seven bedrooms). The agents are Andrew Grant.

Dunsley Manor, Kinver, three miles from Stourbridge, was turned down as an hotel, despite being of substantial size with outhouses which have been converted into heated swimming pool, snooker room and even disco complex.

The present owners have lavished considerable attention on the manor, but the interior furnishings belie the Tudor origins. The reception rooms are of comfortable size; the exterior is inviting: Allsop Sellers have produced a suitable brochure to outline the benefits of this property set within two acres, price £175,000.

Only seven years ago Tudor Gables was built nearby with style to suit the name. Features include modern kitchen and an outdoor swimming pool surrounded by fir trees. A snooker room above the garage has been converted to a granny flat. Again, the owners clearly spent a large sum in completing the property to their taste. At present a building plot is included in the sale price of £155,000. This carries detailed planning permission for a half-timbered four-bedroom detached house. Details from Adrian Keefe & Partners.

When older establishments have survived they may be ripe for turning into cottages and flats—which is the case at Church Farm, Churchill, near Kidderminster. The original farmhouse and barn were built in the 17th century directly opposite St James the Great Church, and came within church ownership. Six of the eight homes, which are grouped around a courtyard, are for sale at prices from £53,750 to £65,000. Garages are separate from the accommodation. The grounds are being landscaped. Details from Andrew Grant.

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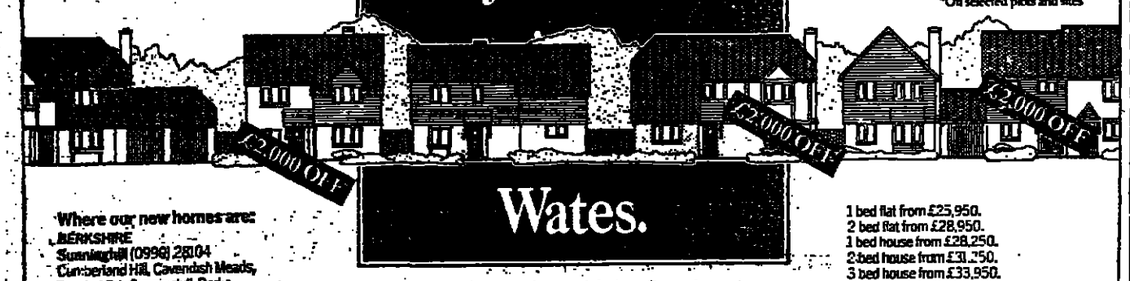

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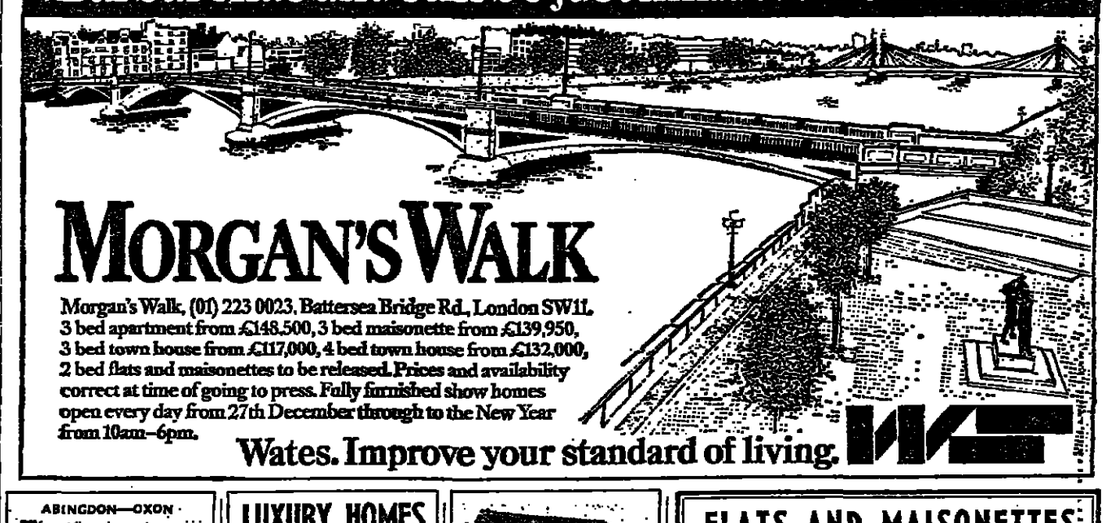

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Sport... ON 3 PAGES

DESERT ORCHID TOP WEIGHT IN IRISH HURDLE

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

DESERT ORCHID has been confirmed by trainer David Elsworth as a probable for Saturday's Sweeps Handicap Hurdle at Leopardstown, although a general weights rise following the four-day declaration stage means he must carry 12st rather than his original 11st 2lb.

Elsworth reviewed plans for his stable's star hurdler after learning that the four Sweeps Hurdle entries handicapped above him would be withdrawn, but yesterday afternoon he said Desert Orchid remains a probable, with Colin Brown riding.

Prideaux Boy, who is Jonjo O'Neill's mount, Jade and Diamond (Robert Chapman) and Northern Trial are the other three English-trained acceptors among 23 still left in.

Paul Kelleway warns that Northern Trial is a doubtful runner because of transport problems.

Handicap switch

Prideaux Boy, winner of the Mecca Bookmakers Handicap Hurdle at Sandown Park and then beaten a short head by Flaxy Sark in Newbury's L'Oreal Handicap Hurdle, has been the best-backed English entry.

This seven-year-old, trained in Cornwall by Graham Roach, is an 8-1 chance. Hill's offer 12-1 against Desert Orchid, beaten 15 lengths into second place by the Browne's Gazette, the Champion Hurdle favourite, for the Ladbroke Christmas Hurdle at Kempton Park on Boxing Day.

The Sweeps Hurdle, first run in 1969, became a handicap in 1977. Decent Fellow was successful with 11st 4lb that year but the highest winning subsequent weight has been For Auction's 10st 10lb in 1982.

Fredcoteri, whose winning weights were 10st in 1983 and 10st 4lb last year, has 11st 13lb on Saturday. Prideaux Boy carries 11st 5lb.

The Embassy Premier 'Chase final, due to be staged at Ascot on Saturday if the weather relents, has seven acceptors. These are: Forgive 'N Forget, Brave George, Boreen Prince, Green Bramble, Aces Wild, Lean Ar Aghaidh and Mossy Moore.

Jimmy FitzGerald, Forgive 'N Forget's trainer, may be successful with Kevinsfort if racing resumes at Kelso this afternoon. Kevinsfort, napped for the Duns Handicap 'Chase, was an easy Market Rasen winner on Boxing Day.

Earls Brig, formerly Scotland's best hunter 'chaser, seeks to make the Stewart Wight Memorial Handicap 'Chase his fourth Kelso win. He may not successfully manage a 26lb concession to Little Frenchman, whose five Kelso victories include this race last year.

Kelso offers only hope

Hopes are high that Kelso will today provide the first racing in Britain this week, but tomorrow's meetings at Wincanton and Southwell are already in serious doubt. Frost and snow provide the threats.

Plumpton, due to stage today's other meeting, called a halt yesterday morning, but from Kelso a spokesman reported, "It is perfectly raceable at the moment and no inspection is planned."

There will be inspections today at Southwell (9.30 a.m.), where there is frost and prospects are "not bright," and Wincanton (10 a.m.), where snow and frost make the chances of racing "remote."

The situation is little better in Ireland, where today's meeting at Thurles has been postponed until next Wednesday because of frost, which has also resulted in a 10 a.m. inspection today to determine prospects for tomorrow's Punchestown fixture.

Desert Orchid, the mount of Colin Brown in Saturday's Sweeps Handicap Hurdle

TODAY'S KELSO SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	COURSE CORR.	FORM
12.45—Tarchin	12.45—Holly Buoy	12.45—Tarchin
1.15—KEVINSFORT (nap)	1.15—KEVINSFORT (nap)	1.15—Super Solo
1.45—Amadis	1.45—Miss Goldingay	1.45—Miss Goldingay
2.15—Numerate	2.15—Inkling	2.15—Numerate
2.45—Maunby Prince	——	2.45—Tommy Ge
3.15—Little Frenchman	——	3.15—EARLS BRIG (nap)
3.45—Chief Jester	——	3.45—Proud Con

HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE.—Kevinsfort and Numerate.
TONY STAFFORD.—Flying Oats (1.45).

International doubt after Laurel sale

JOHN SCHAPIRO, who became the pioneer of regular intercontinental racing competition by founding the Washington DC International in 1952, has sold Laurel racecourse. It seems uncertain whether that race will continue, writes **Hotspur.**

Wilwyn won the inaugural running of the Washington DC International for England, and the race had another specially notable year when Sir Ivor, the 1968 Derby winner, triumphed at Laurel that autumn.

Its significance has been diminished in recent years by lavishly endowed rival races on other courses in the United States and Canada, combined with further competition from the Japan Cup in Tokyo.

The Washington DC International had to be brought forward by three weeks to Oct. 20 last year in order to avoid a clash with the Breeders' Cup events at Hollywood Park, California.

Juvenile highlights

Laurel's new owners may decide to scrap the Washington DC International and channel much of its prize money into this Maryland course's big two-year-old races, the Laurel Futurity and Selima Stakes.

Sir Ivor was the first Epsom Derby winner to race in the United States since Papyrus made a sea voyage to tackle Zev in a match race at Belmont Park, New York, in October 1923.

Heavy rain turned the track into a morass. Papyrus, shod with English racing plates, was unable to get a good grip on the ground and Zev beat him by a wide margin.

Irish 4-Day Acceptors

FIELD FOR SWEEPS HURDLE

LEOPARDSTOWN SATURDAY

2.30: SWEEPS HANDICAP HURDLE £25,000 added 2m.
552 Desert Orchid, D. Elsworth, 6 12-0 C. Brown
3-32 Fredcoteri, A. Moore, 9 11-13 T. J. Taaffe
0-0R Gay's Delight, M. Cunningham, 7 10-11 —
143 Dark Ivy, J. Coy 9 11-9 —
320 Another Shot, P. McCreery, 7 10-11 J. O'Neill
3-01 Northern Game, E. O'Grady, 5 11-4 —
122 Charlie's Cottage, P. Mullins, 9 11-2 —
320 Another Shot, P. McCreery.
320 Another Shoa, P. McCreery, 7 10-12 —
11-2 Rosical, M. Cunningham, 6 10-12 K. Morgan
000 Eamons Owen, K. Woods, 8 10-11 —
1-14 Northern Trial, P. Kelleway, 5 10-10 R. Dunwoody
053 Racing Bloom, F. Flood, 8 10-10 F. Berry
2-00 Bartree, D. Hughes, 6, 10-9 —
313 Drive On Jimmy, P. Madden, 7 10-9 —
000 Jade and Diamond, G. Balding, 7 10-9 R. Chapman
300 Herbert United, D. M'Donoh, 6 10-6 —
401 Yankee's Princess, A. Moore, 6 10-4 P. Howes
000 Trinity Bay, M. O'Toole, 6 10-2 —
000- Shine Your Light, J. Belger, 5 10-1 —
171 Ronalma, A. Moore, 5 10-0 —
000 Rare Duel, N. Meade, 5 10-0 —
351 Hansel Run, A. Redmond, 5 10-0 (4lb ex) —

Hills betting: 9-2 Rosical, 16-2 Northern Game, 9 Prideaux Boy, 9 Fredcoteri, 11 Bartree, 12 Yankee's Princess, Desert Orchid.

Ladbrokes betting: 9-2 Rosical, 6 Northern Game, 8 Desert Orchid, Prideaux Boy, 9 Fredcoteri.

1984: Fredcoteri, 8 10-4, T. J. Taaffe, 8-1 A. Moore.

Course Notes & Hints

Kevinsfort is Best of Day

By Our Course Correspondent

KEVINSFORT*, who has maintained the improvement he showed at the end of last season, may make light of a 4lb penalty in today's Duns Handicap 'Chase (1.15) at Kelso.

Jimmy FitzGerald's seven-year-old started this season by unseating his rider in a conditional jockeys' race at Market Rasen but has not been out of the first two in four subsequent starts.

He defied a 5lb penalty by eight lengths when beating Percipient at Market Rasen last time and looks attractively weighted with 11st 5lb in this company. Super Solo may provide most opposition.

Phil Tuck has bright prospects of completing a double on Miss Goldingay (Maxton Novices' Hurdle, Div I—1.45) and Inkling (Klix Drinks Novices' 'Chase, 2.15).

Miss Goldingay has finished well clear of the rest of her opponents when runner-up on her last three starts. Mick Easterby's filly enjoys all the allowances today and can make the most of an 18lb concession by the improving Stone Jug.

Inkling, leading when he fell at the last fence at Haydock Park last month, ran well when

Phil Tuck . . . double chance at Kelso.

third to Jimbrook on his reappearance at Wetherby on Boxing Day. Harry Wharton's gelding is expected to foil the hat-trick attempt of Numerate.

Gareth Charles-Jones, who is attached to Stan Mellor's Lambourn stable, may make a long journey worthwhile by partnering Holly Buoy to victory in the Grantshouse Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle (12.45).

Charles-Jones rode Holly Buoy when he beat Tot and Tarchin by a short head and six lengths in a similar event over course and distance last month. Tot appears weighted out of it today but an 8lb pull with Holly Buoy should ensure that Tarchin makes it a keen tussle.

Show Jumping

LUCKY VIRUS IDENTIFIED

By MARY FRANCIS

Lucky, the German show jumper whose illness and withdrawal from last month's Olympia show caused overseas horses to be put into quarantine, was suffering from rhinovirus one, an infectious virus affecting the upper respiratory tract.

The results of investigations carried out at Newmarket's Equine Research Station were announced yesterday, and since the three-week incubation period for the virus is over, overseas owners have been told they can bring their horses out of isolation.

Lucky was treated for travel sickness after arriving in London with a high temperature. When he failed to respond, he was moved into isolation at Olympia then at the Essex County Showground near Chelmsford.

The Ministry of Agriculture are asking their German and Swedish counterparts to allow horses to leave. Lucky and the horses ridden by Sweden's Peter Eriksson are still in England waiting for permission to return.

COURSE SPECIALISTS
KELSO

Course winners. — 12.45 (2m hdle): Shumard (2m hdle), Tarchin (8m hdle), Holly Buoy (2m hdle). 1.15 (2m 196y ch): Veiled City (2m 196y ch), Press Gang (3m hdle, 2m 196y ch), Super Solo (2¾m ch, 2m 196y ch), Polars Smartie (4m 196y ch twice), 2.45 (2¼m hdle): Bickerstaffe (2m hdle). 3.15 (5m ch): Earls Brig (3m ch twice, 3¼m ch), Solo Sam (5m ch twice, 3¼m ch), Little Frenchman (2m hdle, 2¾m ch twice, 2m ch twice), Fox-U-More (2m hdle, 2¾m ch, 3 m ch).

Jockeys (since August, 1979). — Lamb 25, Hawkins 19, Pimlott 17, Grant 16, C. Dun 14, J. O'Neill 14, Bradley 12, S. Charlton 12, Tuck 12, Barron 8.

Trainers.—W. A. Stephenson 57, G. H. Bell 20, Scott 20, Denys Smith 11, Craig 9, Crump 9, K. Oliver 9.

HOTSPUR'S "TWELVE"
None of the horses listed in Hotspur's Twelve to Follow is engaged today.

NORTHERN CORRESPONDENT
KELSO: 12.45 Tarchin (nap): 1.15 Kevinsfort: 1.45 Flying Oats: 2.15 Inkling: 2.45 Colonial Charm: 3.15 Fox-U-More: 3.45 Proud Con.

WHISTLER'S NAP
Kevinsfort (1.15) is today's revised nap by Whistler of the SUNDAY TELEGRAPH.

Rugby Commentary

By JOHN MASON

England risk Board wrath

ENGLAND are in danger of contravening International Board regulations as they try to prepare a successful team during a period hit by injury and non-availability.

Thirty-three players have been invited to Bisham Abbey, the residential HQ of the Central Council for Physical Recreation, for intensive training under Richard Greenwood, the national coach, this weekend.

A squad of comparable size—though differing here and there in personnel—gathered at Stourbridge a fortnight ago for a further workout in preparation for the match against Rumania.

There was a similar meeting at the Stoop Ground, Twickenham, on Sept. 18. Among other things, Rory Underwood was made to prove that he is no great shakes over 3,000 metres, while Chris Martin, the new full-back, demonstrated he is a fine athlete.

Customers unhappy

Between September and December, there were sessions at Worcester, Gloucester and Stourbridge though attendance on two occasions was limited: forwards at one, backs at the other, scrum-halves at both.

These activities — and I exclude private arrangements which some players have made unofficially, including a dinner-table meeting—have been in addition to the pre-match training. This has reverted to Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings for home matches.

The 28,722 paying customers at Twickenham last Saturday were not universally happy at the outcome of these detailed preparations. Nor were some players, and nor can be those members of the Rugby Football Union who possess a keen eye for the letter of international regulations.

The International Board, which comprises the four Home Unions, France, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa, have three regulations governing the assembly of teams and coaching for internationals. England meet the requirements of two to the last letter.

Whether that is the case in the third must be a matter of opinion. It boils down to how the word "occasionally" is interpreted.

Rory Underwood . . . England's flying wing over the shorter distances. . . .

which is why England are only in peril of contravening the regulations.

The Board consider that their other regulations are not affected "by the bringing together occasionally of a group of players on a national panel for coaching and training, provided the occasions are such as do not interfere with the players' work or vocation, and do not restrict their freedom as amateur players." Wow!

It is understandable why England have introduced this programme. Nor do the Thursday-Friday sessions contravene regulations, which are binding on member countries. Further, the match last week against Rumania was not on the original schedules.

That said, I believe England's playing advisers, notwithstanding the best possible motives, are trying too hard, that too many demands are being made on those best suited to bring about an unsurge in England's fortunes—that is, Paul Dodge and company.

Murmurs of dissent

The divisional routine of the pre-Christmas matches against the Australians, plus the additional games against the Rumanians for the North and South-West, was enough of a rod for the broadest, most willing of backs. No wonder there have been murmurs of dissent.

If I did not know better, I would be sorely tempted to side with those senior clubs in England who believe there is a ganging-up against them. Everywhere they turn, they appear to be opposed, which is why, I imagine, they tend to close ranks.

We are continually reminded that rugby is an amateur game and, to a huge degree, that is accurate. Any game which is about to produce a back-dated national competition half-way through a season must be.

Reasonable expenditure

Yet is it? What were the payments to the Australians when they were away from home on the last tour? Have they driven a double-decker bus, a coach and four and a wad of Australian dollars through the Board's regulations?

Queensland, led by John Ryan, put a resolution to the Australian Rugby Union relating to the reimbursement for reasonable travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses incurred in relation to the game. A daily figure of AUS$37·50—around £26·80—was agreed.

These sums were not denied when I drew attention to them in these columns five weeks ago, football is to remain amateur, to remind Australia that subsistence is defined as "reasonable expenditure" on meals, laundry — and nothing else.

Schools' Rugby

N. ZEALAND TAKE ON MIDLANDS

AFTER three successes in Ireland, culminating in a 17-3 victory in the international at Cork on Saturday, the New Zealand Schools party is in England for three matches.

The first is against the Midlands at Moseley tonight (7.15 p.m.), followed by the North at Otley on Sunday and then London at the Old Deer Park, Richmond, next Wednesday.

The Midlands team tonight includes one 18 Group international, Hunt, who played at tight-head prop in all three matches last season.

Midlands: C. Stiles (Kenilworth); D. Kennell (Rugby), C. Hiscoke (Cathedral), J. Minshull (Woodlands, Coventry), M. Bennett (Kenilworth); J. Vaughan (Belmont Abbey), C. Wheeler (Belmont Abbey); A. Roda (Lawrence Sheriff, Rugby), G. Collins (Nottingham H.S.), R. Hunt (Trent), M. Bayfield (Bedford), J. Hyde (Woodlands, Coventry), R. Thomas (Oscott Mary's G.S., Walsall, capt.), A. Smith (Trent), T. Wittyman (Spalding G.S.).

Replacements: M. Warr (Bablake, Coventry), M. Calverley (Warwick), C. Atkins (K.E.VI, Stafford), P. Burrows (John Masefield, Ledbury), P. Beeken (Trent), C. Colbourne (High Arcal, Sedgley).

In the other 18 Group international played on Saturday, Scotland's 7-3 victory over Wales at Kelso was a major surprise for Scotland had lost to New Zealand and France by big margins, while Wales have been the only team to beat the young All Blacks.

Scotland owed their success mainly to a great display by the forwards, who have played well in all three games. It was only their second win against Wales at this level in 13 matches, starting in 1969.

The London Schools' arrangements had included a trial at the National Westminster Bank ground at New Beckenham last Sunday, followed by a match against Rosslyn Park Colts next Sunday. With the trial cancelled because of snow, present plans envisage a squad training session next weekend, during which Rosslyn Park Colts will provide some of the opposition.

Herefordshire were unbeaten in the 18 Group matches in the West Midlands. They drew with Staffordshire 9-9 and defeated Shropshire 15-11, Worcestershire 16-8, Warwickshire 12-4 and Greater Birmingham 24-4. Victories over the latter two were their first ever.

An unexpected thaw allowed the Victoria State Schools to play the first match of their tour against Sevenoaks on Sunday. In winning 26-0 they showed impressive form, based on a powerful pack with a mobile back row and a very capable pair of half-backs. Their next two fixtures are against a Nottinghamshire 18 Group XV tomorrow evening at West Bridgford (7 p.m.) and Derbyshire 18 Group at Matlock RFC on Sunday.

RUGBY FIXTURES

RUGBY UNION.—Ridgeend v Pontypridd (7.15); Civil Service v R.A.F. (Chiswick) (2.30); Cross Keys v Neath (7); Ebbw Vale v S. Wales Police (7). Spectators are advised to check with the clubs before travelling.

Leicester benefit from pitch cover

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

WHILE most pitches in Britain were unfit yesterday Leicester expected no problems for Saturday's match against Gloucester at Welford Road, thanks to their £25,00 protective covers.

Leicester aquired heavy duty polythene sheeting five years ago and the cash outlay has already been repaid in gate money from games which would otherwise have been cancelled.

After an unsuccessful attempt to switch last Saturday's scheduled match at Ballymena to their own freeze-free pitch, Leicester are doubly eager to meet Gloucester as preparation for their home John Player Cup third round tie against Bristol on Jan. 26.

Leicester, whose last match was against the Barbarians a fortnight ago, call upon Ian Bates and Vendis Afflick at centre in the absence of Paul Dodge, England's captain, and Clive Woodward, who are attending the national squad weekend at Bisham Abbey.

£100,000 scheme

Improvements in facilities have kept pace with onfield success for Leicester, who yesterday announced a scheme costing £100,000 for medical, changing and groundsman's rooms and a members' bar and lounge, subject to planning approval. Work would begin at the end of the season.

Gloomy weather is just one of the problems facing Farul, Constanta, a leading Rumanion club, who need two fixtures and six days' hosting to finalise a three-match British tour, which begins against Cambridge University on Saturday week.

Glyn Maddocks, the Rumanian Rugby Federation representative in Britain, said yesterday: "We are desperate to find two fixtures. The games would be reciprocal with host clubs invited to visit Rumania."

Other forthcoming tours are in a happier situation. Steaua, of Bucharest, are playing Northern, Headingley and Broadstreet, of Coventry, and begin on Jan. 25, the day when the New Zealand Universities start an 11-match European tour at Oxford.

Today's games between the British Police and Pubic Schoos Wanderers at Imber Court and the Army and Hampshire at Aldershot have been cancelled, while the Welsh Rugby Union have delayed tomorrow's scheduled announcement of their team to meet France in Parish on Saturday week.

Boxing

COWDELL'S NEXT

Pat Cowdell, the European super-featherweight champion, is to meet the Mexican Santos Moreno in the chief supporting contest to the world title fight between the holder, Don Curry, and Colin Jones at the NEC, Birmingham, on Jan. 19.

Squash Rackets

COMMITTEE PLANNED ON DISCIPLINE

By A Special Correspondent in Hongkong

THE International Squash Players' Association plans to set up a disciplinary group following a warning given to Christ Dittmar, the world No. 2, for misbehaviour during the Pakistan Open final six weeks ago.

The Asociation has dealt with the incident, which included angry remarks to the crowd and a smashed mirror in the changing room afterwards, with a letter from the Board to the Nottingham-based Australian.

This action is felt to be inadequate for dealing with many of the problems of discipline in the modern game.

Though standards of behaviour are by no means as bad in squash rackets as in some professional sports, the increasing prize money and inherent traffic problem on court—unique to squash—mean transgressions will increase unless something is done.

Tax deduction

"A proper disciplinary committee has got to be set up, and this is what we are now looking at," said Roger Edey, Association secretary.

The ISPA had its own disciplinary committee until the World Open of 1979, when a leading player refused to accept a fine and the committee did not have the strength to impose it and became defunct.

Dittmar, who wrote to the ISPA Board apologising for his conduct, was also at the forefront in complaining about the deduction of 35 per cent. tax from the World Open prize money.

Skating

OUTDOOR DATES ON THE FENS

The Arctic weather is ideal for the revival of outdoor ice skating. The National Skating Association yesterday announced events to take place from Jan. 10-12 at Bury Fen, Earith, Huntingdon (11.30 a.m.).

The programme starts with the Fen Championships, which are open to amateur skaters living within a 30-mile radius of March, Cambridgeshire, and the one-mile Ward Professional Cup.

Kelso runners, riders and form guide

Advance Official Going: 'ch, GOOD TO SOFT; hdle, SOFT

12.45: GRANTSHOUSE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE Penalty Value £557 2m (14 declared)

1 00F0-40 EMANDER (D) (BF) (H. Ryder), H. Wharton, 6 11-10 S. Turner
2 250134 TOT (D) (T. Gledson), Denys Smith, 5 11-7 (6lb ex) D. Thompson
3 0301-0 SHUMARD (CD) (J. Beech), R. F. Fisher, 5 11-2 ... K. Ryan
4 0-2400P BROCKLEY BELLE (D) (C. Spares), C. Spares, 6 10-13 A. Carson
5 2100 SCOTFEN (A. Crewe), A. Scott, 7 10-11 ... M. Hill
6 14-003D TARCHIN (BL) (CD) (J. Leech), S. Leadbetter, 8 10-10 J. O'Gorman
7 243412 HOLLY BUOY 'CD) (R. Wood), Mrs G. Reveley, 5 10-10 (6lb ex) G. Charles-Jones
8 0U0F22- RABY (BF) (W. McFarlane), C. H. Bell, 6 10-8 P. A. Farrell
9 0010 ISLAY MIST (D) (V. Shields), T. Craig, 9 10-4 ... B. Hay
10 P AVGERNOS (M. Ferrera), J. Smith, 11 10-2 ... N. Fearn
11 134 FRENCH NEPHEW (D) (G. Shemilt), Denys Smith, 4 10-0 D. Leadbitter
13 0001P0 MAINZ BRIG (D) (D. Pearson), G. Harman, 6 10-0 P. Mann
14 00-0 BECKLEY HONNY (J. Walton), F. Walton, 5 10-0 .. D. Coe'ell
15 0-00030 SECRET MINSTREL (J. Sadler), J. Parkes, 8 10-0 Lynn Whiffen

S.P. FORECAST: 5 Tarchin, 7-2 Holly Buoy, 4 Raby, 5 French Nephew, 6 Scotfen, 10 Tot, 12 Shumard, 14 others.

FORM GUIDE.—Tarchin was placed 4th after beating Albertat (gave 13lb) by ¾l over today's course and distance Dec 21 (soft going). French Nephew was beaten 21½l when 4th of 13 to Little Miss Border (rec 12lb) at Perth (2m) Sept 26 (good). Scotfen was beaten 17½l when 5th of 19 to Milfore (rec 3lb) at Catterick (3m) Dec 19 (good). Raby was beaten 10l by Grid (rec 23lb) at Perth (2m) May 24 (firm). Holly Buoy was beaten 2l by Melhagen (gave 13lb) at Carlisle (2m 330y) Jan 1 with Shumard (gave 15lb) last of 9 (soft).

TARCHIN may reverse Dec 17 placings with Holly Buoy.

1.15: DUNS HANDICAP 'CHASE £1,146 2m 196y (7)

2 241231 VEILED CITY (D) (F. Storey), F. Storey, 9 12-2 (4lb ex) B. Storey
3 P-5F144 PRESS GANG (CD) (A. Duncan), J. Wilson, 10 11-7 . T. G. Dun
4 1-U2121 KEVINSFORT (Mrs R. Hegyle), J. FitzGerald, 7 11-5 (4lb ex) M. Dwyer
5 22P/034 COLONEL CREOLE (M. Thompson), V. Thompson, 9 10-10 Mr M. Thompson (7)
6 101402 TROILENA (BF) (R. Conn), R. Fisher, 9 10-10 J. D. Doyle (4)
7 13UP/P2 POLARS SMARTIE (CD) (R. Goldie), R. Goldie, 14 10-9 C. Grant
8 2P-41U SUPER SOLO (CD) (A. M. Davidson "PD" Ltd), T. Craig, 9 10-8 (4lb ex) S. Charlton

S.P. FORECAST: 5-4 Kevinsfort, 11-4 Veiled City, 5-2 Troilena, 8 Super Solo, 10 Polars Smartie, 16 others.

FORM GUIDE.—Veiled City beat Dr Guillotine (rec 25lb) by 12l at Sedgefield (2m) Dec 26 (soft). Kevinsfort beat Percipient (gave 2lb) by 8l at Market Rasen (2m) Dec 26 (soft). Troilena was beaten 10l by Pollys Pal (gave 9lb) at Carlisle (2m) Jan 1 (soft). Press Gang was beaten 18½l when last of 4 finishers to Grinders (gave 21lb) at Ayr (2¼m) Jan 2—Super Solo (fresh unseated rider 2nd (good to soft). Previously Super Solo beat Polars Smartie (gave 5lb) by 10l over today's course and distance Dec 17 with Veiled City (gave 15lb) sh hd away 3rd of 5 (good to soft).

SUPER SOLO is preferred to Kevinsfort

1.45: MAXTON NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. I) £532 2½m (12)

1 4104 FLYING OATS (BF) (W. McGhie), W. McGhie, 5 11-12 J. O'Neill
2 42 AMADIS (BF) (J. Airton), T. Barron, 5 11-4 Mr G. Harker (7)
3 000 ARPAL DASH (R. P. Adam Ltd), A. Scott, 5 11-4 P. A. Charlton
4 00-0203 BORDER TINKER (D. MacDonald), D. MacDonald, 5 11-4 M. Barnes
5 400000 GOLD LAME (M. Thompson), V. Thompson, 6 11-4 Mr M. Thompson (7)
6 00-0000 HARBOUR MUSIC (G. Dand), D. Lamb, 5 11-4 ... Angela Cross
8 MIRAGE PRINCE (R. Lewis), C. H. Bell, 7 11-4 ... —
9 00/P140 MR NASH (Mrs T. Dun), T. Dun, 8 11-4 ... T. G. Dun
10 00010 SHIRLSTAR BUYABOX (J. Wade), J. Wade, 9 11-4 Mr J. Wade
11 0003 STONE JUG (G. Rickman), Miss S. Hall, 5 11-4 ... R. Teelan (4)
13 00 THE NAWTON STAR (A. Borrow), M. Avison, 5 10-13 G. W. Gray
13 4222 MISS GOLDINGAY (BF) (Mrs P. Wroan), M. W. Easterby, 4 10-0 ... P. Tuck

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Miss Goldingay, 5-2 Amadis, 4 Stone Jug, 8 Border Tinker, 10 Flying Oats, 12 Mr Nash, 20 others.

FORM GUIDE.—Amadis was beaten 3l by Wargame (level) at Wetherby (2m) Dec 26 (good to soft). Miss Goldingay was beaten ½l by Meangi (gave 19lb) over today's course and distance Dec 21 (soft). Border Tinker was beaten 8½l when 3rd to Milore (level) at Catterick (2m) Dec 19 (good). Flying Oats was beaten 11½l when 4th to The Man Himself (gave 10lb) at Carlisle (2½m) Dec 20 (heavy). Stone Jug was beaten 8l when 3rd to Phoenix Gold (gave 7lb) at Wetherby (2m) Dec 26 (good to soft).

MISS GOLDINGAY may go one better. Stone Jug pick of others.

2.15: KLIX DRINKS NOVICES' 'CHASE £1,123 3m (7)

1 4-2/1PF JOCKAMBEL (D) (BF) (D. Thomson), D. Thomson, 9 12-5 D. Coakley (4)
2 U13211 NUMERATE (H. Littler), R. Fisher, 6 12-3 ..... M. Meagher (4)
4 10/31F3 INKLING (Mrs E. Wilson), H. Wharton, 8 11-10 ..... P. Tuck
5 033PP4 BUMMELMOOR (A. Mactaggart), A. Mactaggart, 8 11-3 M. Dwyer
-2 003/00-0 SPRINGWOOD (A. Eubank), A. Eubank, 8 11-3 Mr A. Eubank
9 30/000P SUPER TONY (Mrs F. Walton), F. Walton, 8 11-3 Mr J. Walton
10 3P MUNNIE BURGH (P. Liddle), P. Liddle, 11 10-12 Mr T. Reed (4)

S.P. FORECAST: 4-5 Numerate, 7-2 Inkling, 6 Jockambel, 10 Bummelmoor, 12 Miss Burgh, 20 others.

FORM GUIDE.—Numerate beat Border Knight (level) by 3l at Sedgefield (2½m) Dec 26—Super Tony (gave 2lb) p.u. (soft). Inkling was beaten sh hd and 5l when 3rd of 4 finishers to Jimbrook (gave 2lb) at Wetherby (3m 100y) Dec 26 (good to soft). Jockambel, who has failed to complete course on last 2 starts, previously beat Zamandra (rec 13lb by 7l at Wetherby (3m 100y) Nov 27 (soft). Bummelmoor was distant 4th of 5 finishers to Charles Duke (rec 4lb) at Ayr (3m 110y) Jan 2—Jockambel (gave 12lb) fell first (good to soft).

NUMERATE may complete hat-trick. Inkling danger.

2.45: MAXTON NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. II) £555 2½m (14)

1 001P NO RANSOM (Mrs B. McKinney), J. Haldane, 5 11-12 T. G. Dun
2 00 BOUNTY'S CLOWN (R. Shiels), R. Shiels, 5 11-4 Mr R. Shiels (7)
4 DIGGER BARNES (J. Wight), J. Wight, 6 11-4 . Mr A. Wright
7 P HIGHWAY GOLD (J. Alder), J. Alder, 8 11-4 Mrs V. Jackson (4)
9 0 MAUNBY PRINCE (BF) (Mrs I. Raine), T. Barron, 6 11-4 Mr G. Harker (7)
10 F44 TOMMY GE (Mrs J. Miller), Mrs J. Goodfellow, 6 11-4 M. Dwyer
13 01240 BICKERSTAFFE (C) (J. Griffin), M. W. Easterby, 4 10-13 P. Tuck
13 0000-00 COLISLACE (R. McConnell), H. McConnell, 7 10-13 Mr D. Swindlehurst (7)
14 003 COLONIAL CHARM (M. Clohessy), C. Spares, 5 10-13 J. McLaughlin
15 00300-0 FASKIN (Mrs A. Robertson), D. Robertson, 6 10-13 Mrs A. Robertson
16 000-F GOLDEN FAME (Mrs M. Rutherford), J. Haldane, 5 10-13 C. Grant
17 F PAMATHYST (A. Eubank), A. Eubank, 7 10-13 . J. Hughes (4)
19 WILD TALES (Northumbria Leisure Ltd), W. Storey, 4 10-5 K. Teelan (4)
20 F000 MISS JAY CEE (N. Ireland), J. Parkes, 4 10-0 . R. Balfour (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Maunby Prince, 7-2 Bickerstaffe, 9-2 Colonial Charm, 6 No Ransom, 8 Tommy Ge, 12 Bounty's Clown, Highway Gold, 20 others.

FORM GUIDE.—Colonial Charm was beaten 16l when 3rd to Conception (rec 2lb) at Nottingham (2m) Dec 22 (good to soft). Tommy Ge was beaten 16l when 4th of 7 to Emo Forever (gave 7lb) at Ayr (2¼m) Dec 29 (soft). Maunby Prince was 10th of 22 to Warsame (rec 7lb) over today's course and distance Dec. 17—No Ransom (gave 10lb) p.u. (soft). Previously No Ransom beat Border Tinker (level) by 3l at Ayr (2m) Nov 28 (soft). Bickerstaffe was 9th of 20 to Dieman's Trove (rec 7lb) at Catterick (2m) Dec 10 (good). Bounty's Clown was 9th of 16 to Our Louise (gave 7lb) at Sedgefield (3m) Nov 30 (good to soft).

TOMMY GE may be good enough. Colonial Charm next best.

3.15: STEWART WIGHT MEMORIAL HANDICAP 'CHASE £1,154 3m (8)

1 F1-1UU2 EARLS BRIG (CD) (BF) (W. Hamilton), W. Hamilton, 10 12-7 P. Tuck
2 4F4-000 BUSH GUIDE (D) (Mrs V. Jackson), J. Alder, 9 11-1 Mrs V. Jackson (4)
3 0/013-F4 SOLO SAM (C) (Mrs R. Brewis), R. Brewis, 13 10-9 P. A. Farrell (7)
4 3030-P2 LITTLE FRENCHMAN (CD) (E. Robson), E. Robson, 12 10-9 C. Pimlott
5 333332 SNOW BLESSED (R. Baker), Denys Smith, 8 10-8 D. Leadbitter (7)
6 21222F FOX-U-MORE (CD) (BF) (Mrs M. Nisbet), K. Oliver, 8 10-0 Mr P. J. Dun
7 1F0UP1- GOOD TO SEE YOU (D) (I. Parkes), J. Parkes, 7 10-0 D. Wilkinson
8 100-UP0 COMMAGH (C. Bird), S. Leadbetter, 9 10-0 ..... M. Barnes

S.P. FORECAST: 7-4 Earls Brig, 7-2 Bush Guide, 5 Good To See You, 7 Little Frenchman, 8 Snow Blessed, 10 Solo Sam, 16 others.

FORM GUIDE.—Earls Brig was beaten 2l by Unscrupulous Judge (rec 38lb) over today's course and distance Dec 17 (good to soft). Little Frenchman was beaten 4l by Super Solo (rec 25lb) over today's course (2¾m) Dec 21—Fox-U-More (rec 9lb) in touch when fell 11th—Commagh (rec 25lb) p.u. (good to soft). Previously Fox-U-More was beaten 11½l by Blue Reef (gave 6lb) at Catterick (3m 1f 30y) Dec 10 (good). Bush Guide was beaten 27½l when last of 6 to Blue Reef (gave 6lb) at Catterick (3m 1f 80y) Dec 19 (good). Snow Blessed was beaten 1½l by Grinders (gave 16lb) at Ayr (2½m) Jan 2 (good to soft). Solo Sam was distant last of 4 finishers to Last Deal (gave 16lb) at Catterick (3m 1f 80y) Jan 1 (good to soft). Good To See You beat Siebemore (gave 3lb) by 4l at Perth (3m hurdle) May 24 (firm) and on last completed outing over fences was last of 8 finishers to Last Deal (rec 3lb) at Sedgefield (3¼m 160y) Feb 21 (good).

EARLS BRIG may give the weight to Little Frenchman

3.45: BANTEL STAKES N.H. FLAT RACE £531 2m (18)

1 12 CHIEF JESTER (D) (BF) (Mrs A. Shemilt), Denys Smith, 5 12-3 ..... D. Leadbitter (7)
2 01 PROUD CON (D) (B. Proud), J. Charlton, 6 12-3 Mr T. Reed (4)
4 LOCHAR BRIG (D. MacDonald), D. MacDonald, 6 11-10 A. Cockburn (7)
5 00- RANDOM TIME (Mrs B. McKinney), J. Haldane, 5 11-10 Mr T. Butt (4)
6 TULLYCANNA (J. Wade.) J. Wade, 5 11-10 ..... Mr J. Wade
7 FALLOW TIME (E. Condell), D. Moorhead, 5 11-5 D. Condell (7)
8 0- MALANDOT (G. Eubank), G. Eubank, 5 11-5 ... Mr A. Eubank
9 ARIZONA (G. Reed), C. Thornton, 4 11-0 ... J. D. Davies (7)
10 BIG WHITE CHIEF (K. Lockwood), J. Smith, 4 11-0 N. Fearn (7)
11 BORDEAUX ROUGE (B. Cunningham), W. Elsey, 4 11-0 M. Hill (7)
12 JEFFREY GRAHAM (C. Lancaster), Miss S. Hall, 4 11-0 Mr C. Platts
13 KAMBALDAS BOY (J. Thom), J. Thom, 4 11-0 A. Merrigan (7)
14 MASTER RICKIE (D. Swindlehurst), D. Swindlehurst, 4 11-0 Mr D. Swindlehurst (7)
15 MOOTECH (J. S. Wilson), J. S. Wilson, 4 11-0 ... Mr P. J. Dun
16 SONNY ONE SHINE (D. Kane), C. R. Bell, 4 11-0 Miss M. Bell
12 WHO SIR ME SIR (D. Moorhead), D. Moorhead, 4 11-0 Ruth Hargreaves (7)
19 WINTERLEY (T. Watson), F. Watson, 4 11-0 J. O'Gorman (7)
21 FORLORN MOLLY (J. Wight), J. Wight, 4 10-9 ... Mr A. Wright

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Chief Jester, 7-2 Proud Con, 4 Arizona, 6 Bordeaux Rouge, 7 Lochar Brig, 8 Big White Chief, 12 Jeffrey Graham, 20 others.

Cricket

Kent seek funds for new stand

By DOUG IBBOTSON

KENT County Cricket club yesterday launched an ambitious fund-raising appeal for the provision of a new multi-purpose stand at their Canterbury headquarters.

The development, which will cost in excess of £400,000, will be erected on a vacant site alongside the existing Frank Woolley stand.

As yet unnamed, the new stand will house a groundfloor club shop, bar and fast food area, a members' lounge bar with catering facilities on the first floor and an executive suite on the second floor.

Building is scheduled to begin at the end of the coming season and completed by April 1986. Thereafter it will remain open throughout the year which, say club officials, could provide an annual income of some £50,000.

Private functions

This estimate pre-supposes significant use of the restaurant facilities which, like those at Hampshire's Southampton ground, will be available for private functions and business luncheons.

The first construction at the St Lawrence Ground since 1926, the new facilities will cater for all financial levels of support from casual to executive. So too, will be the fund-raising programme, code named Project '85.

What might be called artisan interest will be stimulated by a host of functions featuring such dignitaries of darts as Bobby George, while somewhat upmarket Richard Baker the television personality is to compere a concert at Canterbury Cathedral.

Among the sporting events scheduled a cricket match on Goodwin Sands, to be commemorated on July 1 by a first day Cover stamp, could bring new dimensions of speculation to the limited over game.

However, less hazardous and more bountiful tides of fortune are likely to arise in the sale of 200 executive club debentures at an annual subscription of £250 each.

Meanwhile, Kentish craftsmen are busily whittling pollarded lumps of Canterbury's celebrated lime tree into miniature bats and stumps for sale on a limited edition at £260 per set. The imagination and enthusiasm of the appeal committee, chaired by Don Beney clearly knows no boundaries.

Swimming

TRYING TIME FOR SCOTS

By PAT BESFORD

Robin Brew, 22, Britain's Olympic swimming team captain and his younger brother, Paul, 19, are among eight Scots who will take part in the Diana meeting in Paris from Feb. 1-3, as well as the Speedo meet in Amersfoort the week-end before.

The Anglo-Scots—who represent the Kelly College Club at Tavistock—and their father and trainer, Archie, on the Scottish coaching panel for the first time, will move with this squad to the French capital the day after the Dutch meeting.

There they will go through intensive preparations for the multi-nation contest at Boulogne-Bilancourt and, later, be joined by another nine for this event.

The first group will go home and the second move to Bonn to train for the Arena meet (Feb. 8-10). Four more swimmers will be added to the team there.

Package trips

This Scottish plan to make the best use of travel time and money has been masterminded by Hamilton Smith, their director of coaching, who formerly worked for the English governing body.

Mr Smith said: "The trips are a package to give as many swimmers as possible training and experience. Of course, I ope they will do well but testing themselves in the international arena is the important thing."

England are also taking part in these three fixtures with members of their Yorkshire Bank-sponsored squad. But different small teams are going to each on a Thursday-to-Monday basis, without being given the chance to prepare together for some high quality competition.

The Scottish parties include 10 members of their new Esso intermediate group. Among these are Shona Cowie, 16 of Peterhead, who recently broke the Scottish 400 metre medley record, and Smith's son, Andrew, also 16, from Reading, the junior record-holder for the same event.

Scottish Teams.—Amersfoort & Paris—Men—P. and R. Brew (Kelly), A. Smith (Reading); Women—S. Cowie (Peterhead), L. Davies (Wigan), L. Donnelly (Leander), J. Hill (Larkhall), B. Watson (Hamilton). J. Hill (Larkhall), S. Campbell (Ayr). Paris and Bonn—Men—L. Campbell (Paisley), P. Gallagher (Carscalie), C. Nelson (Stirling), M. Pettybrame (Warrender), N. Storey (Paisley); Women—G. Campbell (Falkirk), J. Burton (Glenrothes); Women—W. Gandwin (Bellshill), L. Wheatley (East Kilbride).

Women's Cricket

HODGES 51 BUT ENGLAND HELD

England drew with New South Wales in the women's two-day international in Sydney Pratten Park—but not before running into some effective fast bowling.

It came from Sally Griffiths, from the Gordon Club, who finished with three for 9 from 14 overs in England's first innings of 129-nine declared and took another two cheap wickets in the second innings.

England, forced to declare when batsman Jane Powell became ill, finished 65 runs short of the New South Wales first innings tally of 222 and denist Annetts, the home captain, declared her second innings closed at 30 for one in an effort to force an outright result.

England needed 124 to win, but good bowling restricted their attempt to 78 for four, with opener Carole Hodges unbeaten with a whirlwind 51.

New South Wales 222 (C. Larsen 61, Griffiths 30-5 dec.). England: 129-9 dec. (Griffiths 3-9) & 78-4 (C. Hodges 51 not out). Match drawn.

England Tour

MOXON SHOWS THE WAY WITH UNBEATEN 97

By MICHAEL CAREY in Hyderabad

AN admirable display of application and self-discipline by Martyn Moxon helped camouflage an otherwise uneven England performance as they made 251 for seven from 79 overs at Hyderabad yesterday.

In only his third innings of the tour, Moxon batted all day for an unbeaten 97 against South Zone, while partners experienced various measures of success at the other end.

Though troubled at various times by cramp in his hands, weariness in his legs and, not least, dehydration as the temperature touched the 90s, Moxon played with great selectivity for more than five hours.

Of the others, Gower added to his sequence of low scores and, but for Gatting's half-century and some vigorous batting by Edmonds and Foster, England might have been embarrassingly more adrift of their opponents' 306.

Five for Agnew

Armed with a new ball, Foster and Agnew had needed only two overs to take the last two wickets, Agnew becoming the first England bowler on this tour to take five in an innings.

It was then England's turn to discover that the pitch continued to offer help to bowlers of all types, especially with its welcome bounce.

Additionally, South Zone excelled in their close catching, unlike England the previous day with the result that most errors were punished.

Early on, Robinson was caught at slip trying not to play a ball which bounced and, perhaps, followed him a shade.

There followed a tense interlude in which Moxon, whose previous innings were spaced as far apart as Dec. 8 and 19, and Gower, whose last innings of any length was at Rajkot on Nov. 22, tried to come to terms with the conditions.

Hereabouts, Moxon had his one moment of good fortune when the diving Srikkanth, at backward short-leg, could not hold an awkward catch off Sekhar when the Yorkshireman had scored four, otherwise, flawed strokes were rare and his bat was not often passed.

Alas, it was just another day for Gower. His form has not perked up, as might have been expected with the lift to England's fortunes, which makes his struggle all the harder to analyse.

It is not the first barren spell in his career, though, and instinctive players like him tend not to dismantle their game and try to rebuild it.

Familiar ending

Thus his 53-minute stay, in which he faced only 12 balls had a familiar ending: two fours struck effortlessly off front and back foot and then a catch to third slip from a ball going across him which he played with no detectable movement of the feet.

With Cowdrey looking unlucky to be given out caught off bat and pad, Gatting eased any pressure Moxon might have been feeling, going down the pitch to drive his third ball from the off-spinner Ayub for a straight six and generally missing little that could be cut or hooked.

But he fell to an excellent left-handed catch at silly-point when not quite to the pitch of a ball which bounced and turned from the left-armer Raman. In the same over Marks, cutting, was brilliantly caught at slip.

Throughout all this Moxon went stalwartly on, often timing drives on either side of the wicket and showing fine judgment around off stump.

By now, his main problems were those of his first long innings in unfamiliar conditions and, after needing treatment for cramp in both hands, he was also served with a regular supply of drinks as the heat took its toll.

His half century came in three hours, but as weariness set in he could make only 27 from 28 overs in the final session. It was much to his credit that he declined to stray from a tried and trusted method, even when going through a period when every well-timed stroke seemed to hit the field with uncanny regularity.

At 92, for once aiming across the line, he survived an appeal for leg before against Sekhar, which must have been close.

A breezy innings by Edmonds ended when he was caught at slip and Foster, hemmed in by close fielders, surprised everyone by hitting a straight six in the last over of the day.

Scoreboard

SOUTH ZONE—First Innings

*K. Srikkanth, c Moxon, b Agnew	90
M. R. Srinivasprasad, c Fitch, b Agnew	0
S. Viswanath, c Gatting, b Foster	34
R. Madhavan, c Edmonds, b Foster	0
R. M. H. Binny, b Agnew	19
R. Kanwalkar, c French, b Cowdrey	21
A. Onveyan, c Edmonds, b Cowans	18
A. Ayub, c French, b Foster	58
W. V. Raman, lbw, b Agnew	36
T. A. Sekar, not out	0
Extras (lb 10, nb 12)	22
Total	306

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-62, 3-62, 4-131, 5-157, 6-174, 7-200, 8-254, 9-306.

Bowling: Cowans 9-2-37-1; Agnew 19-1-102-5; Foster 19-4-6-43-3; Edmonds 15-7-23-0; Marks 7-2-27-0; Cowdrey 11-1-44-1; Gatting 3-0-13-0.

ENGLAND—First Innings

M. D. Moxon, not out	97
R. T. Robinson, c Raman, b Sekar	15
*D. I. Gower, c Srinivasprasad, b Sekar	13
C. S. Cowdrey, c Srikkanth, b Ayub	22
M. W. Gatting, c Kanwalkar, b Raman	50
V. J. Marks, c Srinivasprasad, b Raman	0
†B. N. French, c Kanwalkar, b Ayub	1
P. H. Edmonds, c Srinivasprasad, b Raman	29
N. A. Foster, not out	15
Extras (lb 5, nb 6)	11
Total (7 wkts)	251

Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-45, 3-88, 4-176, 5-176, 6-179, 7-226.

Bowling: Sekar 14-2-44-2; Binny 8-1-29-0; Kanwalkar 9-3-17-0; Ayub 25-2-103-2; Raman 21-8-45-3; Srinivasprasad 1-0-8-0.

Britain's world youth champions, Jason Belben, Andrew Hemming and (far right) Stuart Childerley with their coach, Jim Saltonstall holding the Yachtsman of the Year award they received at the London Boat Show yesterday in recognition of their achievement.

Yachting

McKEE PROVES HIS CLASS

CHARLIE McKEE, from the United States, showed his class in winning division A and C's heat five to jump to the lead of the Commonwealth Bank World and Australian Tasar Championships in Sydney Harbour yesterday.

In Division B and D Andrew York, a "local" yachtsman in Quality Roo, had a comfortable win after two general recalls to move into third place overall.

McKee, in his chartered yacht, 2096, began on port tack at the leeward end of the line and had a good start in tricky easterly winds.

He was followed by Phil Darby, the national champion, in Bubbles and Antonne Lynar in Lightfoot as they cleared away from the fleet.

About halfway round the course Martin Linsley, a sailor in Australian Navy, passed everyone but McKee and held on to second in Hobo until the finish. Robbie Fretton, in Flying Circus, finished third.

ICE HOCKEY

NAT. LGE.—Boston 5, Los Angeles 4—Hartford 7, Toronto.

Lion planning for Cowes & Fastnet

By TONY FAIRCHILD

LION NEW ZEALAND, the new maxi yacht built specially for the Whitbread Round-the-world race starting from Portsmouth on Sept. 28, will compete also in a special series from Cowes and in the Fastnet race this year.

The plan is for the yacht, which finished first in the Sydney-Hobart race, just ended, to sail from her home port of Auckland in April and to be in Britain by the end of June.

She will take part in the Maxi Series in the Solent, almost certainly several Cowes Week races, and the Fastnet race, the final event of the International Admiral's Cup series which is open also to Royal Ocean Racing Club entries.

Blake skipper

The yacht, which now has Air New Zealand as a sponsor, is skippered by Peter Blake, who was similarly in command aboard Ceramco New Zealand, one of the outstanding entries, despite a dismasting, in the Whitbread race of four years ago.

Blake will have in his 22-man crew a number of the squad who competed four years ago, including Simon Grundy, who won a special award as the "outstanding personality" of the last Whitbread voyage.

Grant Dalton, a New Zealander who was a member of the crew of Flyer, the Dutch winner of the last round-the-world race, and Godfrey Gray, who completed the 27,000-mile circumnavigation on the New Zealand Outward Bound, will also be a member of the Lion crew.

Edward Danby, the British yachtsman who was a member of the Lionheart and Victory America's Cup squads in 1980 and 1983, will also join the Blake squad for the Round-the-World race, which will have compulsory halts at Cape Town, Auckland and Montevideo.

Two new America's Cup defence contenders, for Kevin Parry and Sir James Hardy, are now nearing completion in Fremantle, where the first Australian defence of the trophy is to be mounted in 1987.

The Parry yacht, claimed to be "more radical and faster than Australia II" — winner of the America's Cup in 1983 — is designed by John Swarbrick, while the Hardy boat has been designed by Ben Lexcen, who drew the lines of Australia II.

U.S. Golf

Oosterhuis 'home' for Hope Classic

By ALEX LANCASTER in Palm Springs, California

PETER OOSTERHUIS, fresh from his £54,000 "unofficial money" victory in the Spalding Tournament at Pebble Beach on Sunday, is joined by the new European No. 1, Bernhard Langer, and Scotland's Ken Brown in Palm Springs for the Bob Hope Desert Classic, which begins today.

The tournament, played over five days and four courses in the desert country 100 miles inland from Los Angeles, is worth a total of £455,000.

Nick Faldo does not begin his 1985 U.S. campaign until the Phoenix Open next week and Seve Ballesteros even later.

It is now up to the three Europeans present to show the likes of Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Hal Sutton that they mean business, personally in the next few months and as a team in the Ryder Cup at The Belfry in September.

A total of 128 professionals go out with three different amateurs each day on Indian Wells, Bermuda Dunes, Tamarisk and La Quinta, the 70 leaders returning to the first named course for a fifth and final round on Sunday.

Winner's £78,000

The first man gets £78,000, the runner up £46,000 while even the 12th receives £10,000.

Langer tees off at 10.04 a.m. at Bermuda Dunes in the "star field" immediately in front of Palmer with whom he has certain similiarities of flamboyance and style.

Nicklaus, who has won only once here—in 1965 when he beat Player in a play-off and received exactly one 10th of today's top prize—is last man out in a field of celebrities.

These include several distinguished hackers, among them Hope himself, Andy Williams, Fred MacMurray and Telly Savalas, on 18 handicaps, Mickey Rooney on 15, Glen Campbell on nine and Johnny Mathis on eight.

Oosterhuis, whose confidence must be very high after his fine showing at Pebble Beach, tackles Indian Wells. Meanwhile, he is living comfortably at the ranch style house provided for him at his club at Mission Hills where his wife Anne is able to cook and provide home comforts.

Hotel Dom Pedro/Long-hot Pro-Am (Quinta do Lago, Algarve).—69—D. Ray (Long Ashton); 70—F. Ackerley (Holland); 71—M. Gregson (Allied Horeli); 74—T. Penner's (Dieg). Team—127—G. Owers; 131—D. Ray; 134—N. Williams.

FEHERTY IS HOPING FOR BETTER LUCK

By ADRIAN FREDERICK in Pretoria

FORMER Irish PGA champion David Feherty who begins the defence of his I C L International title at the Zwartkop Country Club, Pretoria, today, is hoping for a swing of fortune this year after a "disappointing" 1984.

"For most of last year I played like a drain," said Feherty after a 68 in yesterday's pro-am.

"After winning the I C L I had high hopes for a good year in Europe, but the fact that I finished 49th on the money list tells its own story," he said.

In the off season Feherty travelled to Florida and spent a lot of time with his teacher, Bill Rogers. "He has made a few changes to my swing, and it seems to be getting better," said Feherty.

The South African PGA has tightened up qualifying regulations for the tour this year, — largely, one suspects, to prevent an influx of overseas players in view of the European decision to go "all-exempt"—but there are still 29 British and Irish players in the field this week.

Parkin challenge

These include Ryder Cup players Mark James, Des Smyth and Paul Way, the latter back again after missing out last year.

A great deal of interest has been generated by the appearance of former Amateur champion and last year's Rookie of the Year, Phillip Parkin. Then there is Dennis Durnian, of Royal Birkdale fame, who played the front nine in 28 in the 1983 Championship.

The form man must be European tour regular, John Bland, who has maintained the putting touch he showed in winning the Goodyear Classic at Humewood last month.

He has recorded rounds of 61, 65, 66 and 64 in his last four outings — an incredible total of 34 under par for four rounds.

He is the man to beat, though the usual crop of sunshine circuit players will be in action.

World Series Cup

Border's 79 proves too much for Sri Lanka

ALLAN BORDER, Australia's captain, scored an aggressive, unbeaten 79 to steer his side to a six-wicket victory over ri Lanka in their World Cup match in Sydney yesterday.

Border, who faced only 83 balls, hit seven boundaries and was deservedly named Man of The Match as Australia romped to victory with 2·4 overs remaining.

Sri Lanka, taking part in a day-night match for the first time, played enterprisingly to score 239 for seven from 49 overs.

Amal Silva was top scorer with a dashing 68, including seven fours, and Roy Dias, the vice-captain, showed an appreciative crowd of more than 26,000 all his flair and style as he raced to 60 in 59 deliveries with only one boundary.

Rodney Hogg returned the best figures for Australia, taking four for 47 off his 10 overs, but his performance was marred by eight no balls. Simon O'Donnell also bowled well, conceding only 39 runs off his nine overs and taking the wicket of Dias.

Hilditch run out

Australia made a sound start with Andrew Hilditch and Graeme Wood scoring 68 for the first wicket before Hilditch was run out for 25. Soon after, Wood had an attack of cramp and was forced to retire on 52.

Australia looked to be struggling when Kepler Wessels, their most successful batsman in the recent series against West Indies, was bowled for one, but Border, ably assisted by David Boon (44) and O'Donnell (20), saw Australia home.

SRI LANKA

S. Wettimuny, c Phillips, b Rackemann	20
†S. A. R. Silva, c Bennett, b Hogg	68
R. Kurunaratne, c Wood, b Bennett	32
R. L. Dias, c Border, b O'Donnell	60
*L. R. D. Mendis, b Hogg	16
A. de Silva, b Hogg	17
A. L. F. de Mel, b Hogg	0
J. R. Ratnayeke, not out	2
R. J. Ratnayeke, not out	4
Extras (b 5, lb 8, w 13, nb 1)	26
49 overs. Total 7 wkts	239

Did not bat: D. S. de Silva, V. B. John.

Fall of wickets: 1-56, 2-104, 3-160, 4-191, 5-214, 6-224, 7-229.

Bowling: Hogg 10-0-47-4; O'Donnell 9-2-39-1; McDermott 10-1-49-0; Bennett 10-1-42-1; Rackemann 10-0-50-1.

AUSTRALIA

A. M. J. Hilditch, run out	23
G. M. Wood, retired hurt	52
K. C. Wessels, c Silva, b Ratnayeke	1
*A. R. Border, not out	79
D. C. Boon, c sub, b de Mel	44
†W. B. Phillips, c Silva, b de Mel	3
S. O'Donnell, not out	20
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 4, nb 6)	16
46·2 overs. Total (4 wkts)	240

Did not bat: M. Bennett, R. M. Hogg, C. G. Rackemann, C. J. McDermott.

Fall of wickets: 1-68, 2-70, 3-171, 4-176.

Bowling: de Mel 9-3-39-2; John 9-1-40-0; Ratnayeke 8-2-30-2; Ratnayeke 10-1-32-0; de Silva 9-0-59-1.

Umpires: R. French & F. McConnell.

WRIGHT HITS LIVELY 106

JOHN WRIGHT, the New Zealand opener, hit a sparkling century for his new province, Canterbury, yesterday as they ran up 309 for four declared on the first day of their three-day match against Pakistan in Christchurch.

In reply Pakistan were 32 for one at the close of play.

Wright, formerly of Northern Districts, struck 106 before he was bowled by the tourists' captain, Javed Miandad, a rare success for them on the first day of their New Zealand trip.

Wright, who was dropped at midwicket by Mohsin Khan at 65, punished all the bowlers mercilessly and was particularly severe on opening bowler Mohsin Kamal whose 12 overs cost 78 runs.

Paul McEwan was also in fine form, hitting 73, while Rod Latham struck 62 and Richard Hadlee was unbeaten with 30 at the declaration.

Hadlee's 998th

Hadlee, needing just three victims for his 1,000th first-class wicket, had Mohsin caught by Canterbury's captain, Rod Fulton, at slip for one.

But Fulton then dropped a straightforward catch from Mudassar off leg-spinner Vaughan Brown's only over.

CANTERBURY—First Innings

J. G. Wright, b Miandad	106
A. Native, c Akram, b Naqeeab	21
P. E. McEwan, c Kamal, b Raja	73
P. J. Latham, c Raja, b Kamal	62
R. J. Hadlee, not out	30
*R. Fulton, not out	7
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 3, nb 4)	10
Total (4 wkts dec.)	309

Fall of wickets: 1-66, 2-149, 3-260, 4-281.

Bowling: Akram 14-3-39-0; Kamal 12-1-78-1; Naqeeab 16-1-65-1; Nazir 8-1-32-0; Raja 11-1-50-1; Malik 3-0-26-0; Miandad 4-0-16-1.

PAKISTAN—First Innings

Mudassar Nazar, not out	2
Mohsin Khan, c Fulton, b Hadlee	1
Qasim Omar, not out	26
Extras (b 2, nb 1)	3
Total (1 wkt)	32

Fall of wickets: 1-5.

Bowling: Hadlee 4-0-20-1; McNally 2-0-4-0; Tuffey 1-0-2-0; Brown 1-0-3-0.

OTHER SPORT TODAY

BASKETBALL.—Anglo-Scottish Cup, Qtr-finals: Bristol & Watford v Kingston (7.30); Doncaster v Manchester (8).

BOWLS.—Norfolk v Suffolk (Brewston Hall, 2.30).

DARTS. — Embassy World Prof. Tourney (Stoke-on-Trent).

HOCKEY.—LONDON ATARI LGE.—Maidenhead v Cambridge Univ (2.15).

SNOOKER.—Mercantile Credit Classic (Warrington).

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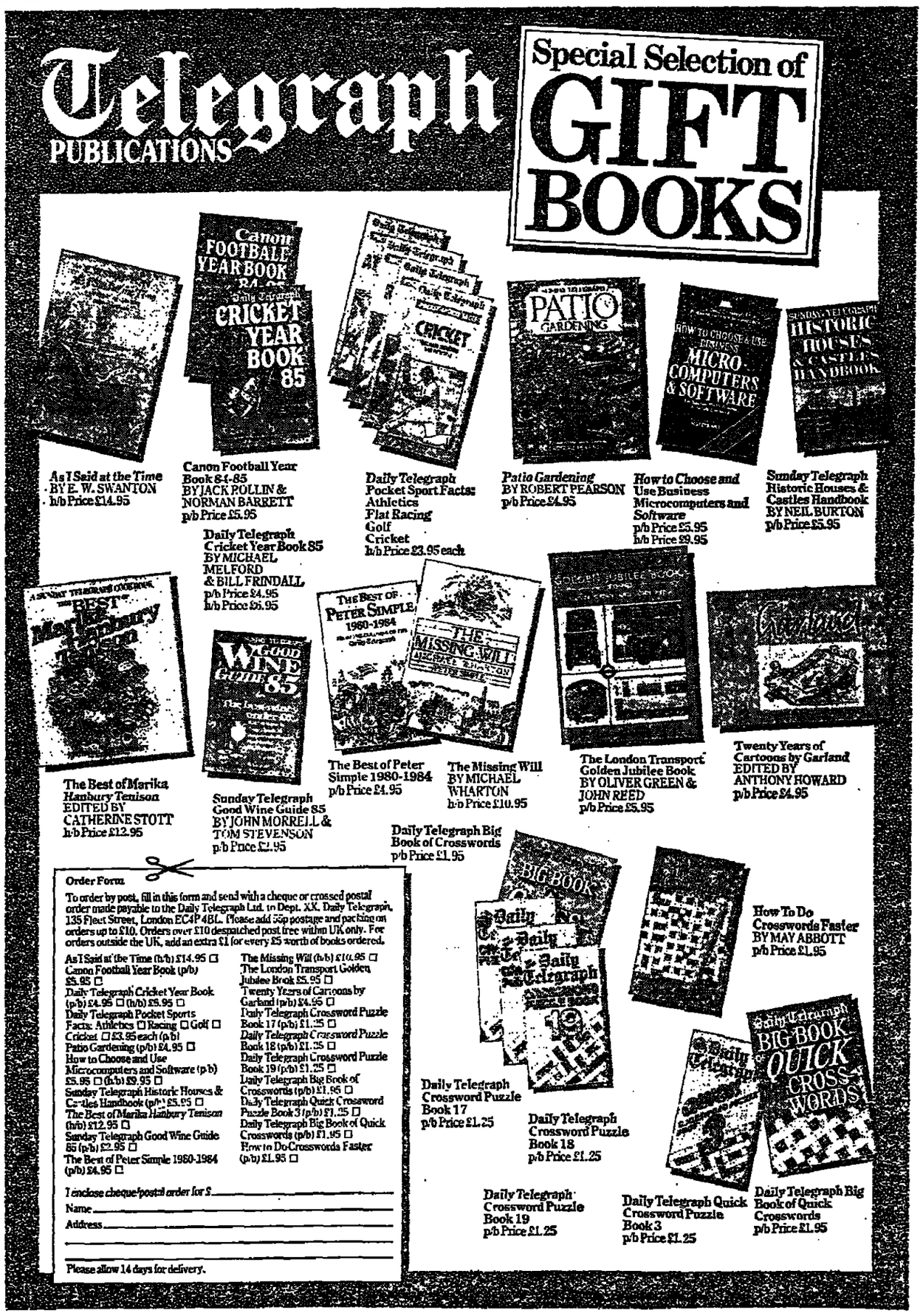

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FA INQUIRY INTO BURTON CUP RUMPUS

By ROGER MALONE

THE F A have decided to appoint a Commission of Inquiry into non-League Burton Albion's goalkeeper being felled by a missile thrown from the crowd during their 6-1 F A Cup defeat by Leicester at Derby last Saturday.

The Commission, with power to order a replay, convenes at the Baseball Ground—where the tie was staged, ironically, to attract a bigger gate—on Friday, and will interview eye-witnesses from all three clubs.

The principal task is to decide if the injury to Paul Evans, who was knocked unconscious, affected the result. As the score at the time was 1-1, Burton having just equalised, it appears that it did, especially with Evans, a solicitor, insisting he has no recollection of Leicester's next two goals.

The commission will hear from Evans, Neil Warnock, the Burton manager, Chris Stanley, the trainer who rushed to the stricken keeper's assistance, and from the club doctor about Evans' subsequent concussion.

Evans continued after a four-minute delay, he explains, only to avoid his team being a man short. They had already used their substitute to replace their injured striker.

Filmed evidence

Television film from B B C and Central TV, and from Burton's amateur cameraman "makng a commemorative record of our club's greatest day," shows Evans prostrate. But the moment he was actually struck by a large piece from one of several seats broken up by hooligan spectators, it is thought is not on film.

Missiles—coins and beer cans amongst them—rained into Evans' goalmouth in the 25 minutes leading up to the incident. If the Commission discovers whose club they came from, it will be up to the F A's disciplinary committee to act.

Dave Mellor, the Burton secretary, said last night: "We are not asking for a replay, simply for all the facts to be considered. We feel that a missile should not be allowed to influence a game of football."

Burton, though, will be delighted if the Commission sees a replay as the only fair way. Mr Warnock, named yesterday as the Northern Premier League's Manager of the Month, said he "somehow doubts a little club like ours will be regarded as important enough to be given a replay."

CHARLTON AND SPURS TIE OFF

By MICHAEL CALVIN

CHARLTON's hopes that they are ready to mark their recovery from the brink of extinction by completing the biggest upset of the third round of the F A Cup were set back by hte weather last night.

Sensibly they called in the match referee, Alan Gunn, from Burgess Hill in Sussex, for his decision on the prospects of meeting Tottenham, the First Division leaders, in their replay at The Valley tonight.

Mr Gunn, accompanied by Lennie Lawrence, the Charlton manager, and Peter Shreeves, of Tottenham, watched two young members of the Charlton playing staff in action on the icy, snow-bound pitch and called the game off.

So Charlton and Spurs will try again on Monday for the chance to meet Liverpool at Anfield on Jan. 26.

Newcastle, who rate their prospects of being cleared to play an unchanged Nottingham Forest as "50-50", can find no place for captain Glenn Roeder, who has recovered from hamstring trouble.

Jack Charlton, their manager, stressed: "We are developing the strong squad you need to adapt successfully to Cup football."

PITCH INVASION

Middlesbrough fans invaded the pitch at Darlington, after the fourth division, had scored their second goal through Phil Lloyd (76 minutes). Garry MacDonald put Darlington in the lead eight minutes into the second half. They meet Telford at home in the Fourth Round.

Referee Brian Hill stops Saturday's match as Paul Evans, the Burton goalkeeper, is felled by a piece of wood thrown from the crowd.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL

F A CUP—3rd Rd Replays

Darlington (0) 2 Middlesbro (0) 1
Macdonald McAndrew
Lloyd
Winners home to Telford

Grimsby (1) 4 Notts Co. (0) 2
Lund 3 Harkouk
Wilkinson Wilkinson (o.g.)
Winners home to Watford

CENTRAL LGE.—Div. I: Liverpool 3, Huddersfield 0. Div. II: Blackpool 1, York 2—Leeds 3, Port Vale 1.

POSTPONED

F A CUP.—3rd Rd: Gillingham v Cardiff. 3rd Rd Replays: Arsenal v Hereford, Blackburn v Portsmouth, C. Palace v Millwall, Huddersfield v Wolverhampton, Wigan v Chelsea.

CANON LEAGUE.—Div. III: Cambridge v Bradford.

WELSH CUP.—4th Rd: Wrexham v Barry.

FOOTBALL COMB.—Chelsea v Reading, Southampton v Watford.

CENTRAL LGE.—Div. I: Coventry v Manchester Utd. Div. II: Middlesbrough v Grimsby, Oldham v Preston, Rotherham v Bolton.

SOUTHERN LGE.—Prem. Div.: Gravesend v Willenhall. Bill Dellow Cup, 3rd Rd: Fisher v Folkestone.

TODAY'S SOCCER

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated.

F A CUP—3rd Rd Replays

Newcastle v Nottm Forest ....
Stoke v Luton ....

POSTPONED.—Norwich v Birmingham (now Jan. 21); Charlton v Tottenham (now Jan. 14).

DIVISION III.—Derby v Bournemouth (postponed).

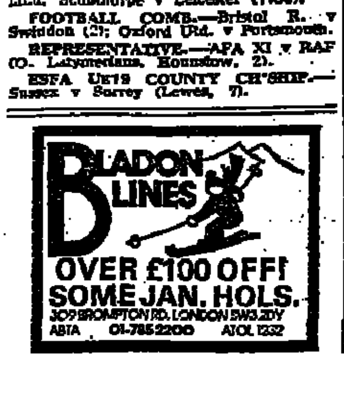
SOUTHERN LGE.—Bill Dellow Cup, 3rd Rd: Cheltenham v Forest Grn.

CENTRAL LGE.—(7)—Div. I: Barnsley v Everton Res., Nottm. Forest v Bradford C., Sheffield Utd. v Notts Co., W. Bromwich v Blackburn. Div. III: Doncaster v Wolves, Hull v Sunderland, Scunthorpe v Leicester (7.00).

FOOTBALL COMB.—Bristol R. v Swindon (2); Oxford Utd. v Portsmouth.

REPRESENTATIVE.—APA XI v RAF (O. Latymerians, Hounslow, 2).

ESFA U19 COUNTY CH'SHIP.—Sussex v Surrey (Lewes, 7).



Snooker

Reardon crushed by Davis

By JANICE HALE

STEVE DAVIS cruised into the semi-finals of the £200,000 Mercantile Credit Classic in Warrington yesterday after an impressive 5-1 win over Ray Reardon.

The reigning world champion, who won this tournament last year in its previous form as the Lada Classic, made breaks of 67 and 102.

But more impressively, the Romford man put together a 59 clearance to win the first game on the pink—Reardon had led 47-14—and a play of 38 to win the fourth on the black.

That must have been a psychologically crushing coup de grace for Reardon, the six-times world champion who has still not fully regained the form which made him the dominant player of the 1970s.

Salvaged pride

He had opened the scoring with a break of 48 and also led 68-31. However, he missed a red, and Davis, completely unruffled and impassive, came to the table to pot all the balls left and win the frame by a single point to take a 4-0 lead.

Reardon salvaged some pride by winning the fifth, but Davis's break of 102 in the sixth secured victory. Davis will meet the winner of the contest between Willie Thorne and John Virgo.

Reardon said after: "When I had my chances, I simply could not pot enough balls. I can't pot like I used to. Steve can and that is why he is the champ. He's just too consistent."

MERCANTILE CREDIT CLASSIC (Warrington).—2nd rd: W. King (Australia) bt J. White (Wimbledon) 5-2. Frames: 67-58, 11-76, 94-6, 80-1, 78-56, 47-67, 60-49.
J. Johnson (Bradford) bt C. Wilson (Caldicot) 5-0. Frames: 59-45, 60-50, 52-45, 66-42, 65-52.
Qtr-final: S. Davis bt R. Reardon (Stoke) 5-1. Frames: 60-47, 74-32, 71-20, 68-68, 13-74, 102-6.

Last Night's Soccer

GRIMSBY ARE RAMPANT

By PETER KEELING

Grimsby ... 4 Notts Co. ... 2

Graham Taylor, manager of Watford, who meet the winners, saw Notts County dominate the opening stages before Grimsby went ahead with their first shot on target.

The crucial opener came in the 27th minute when Paul Agnew hit a penetrative through ball to Lund in the penalty area.

On a bone-hard pitch County did not deserve to go behind, but Grimsby had done well to ride the early storm without their injured player-coach, Chris Nicholl.

County equalised in the 56th minute, when Harkouk drove past Batch.

Within a minute Grimsby were ahead again through the nimble Lund, after splendid work by Cumming.

Grimsby clinched victory in the 60th minute when, from a Ford corner, Lund's shot was charged down for Wilkinson to score their third.

Lund made it 4-1 after 74 minutes, but a Wilkinson own goal narrowed the gap for County.

Grimsby Town.—Batch; Seagreaves, Agnew, Foley, Crombie, Moore, Ford, Wilkinson, Lund, Bonnyman, Cumming.
Notts County.—McDonagh; Lahtinen, Clarke, Richards, Sims, Harkouk, O'Neill, Goodwin, Young, Waitt, McParland.

COVENTRY ACT

Coventry City, who face a £2,000 bill after Manchester City supporters ripped out 500 seats during last Saturday's F.A. Cup tie at Highfield Road, have brought forward the kick-off for their home League game against Chelsea on Feb. 23 to 11.30 a.m. No tickets will be on sale at the ground on the day.

STEWART JACOBS

Stewart Jacobs, life vice-president of the Football Association, who has died in Oxford, at the age of 77, gave a life-time's service and enthusiasm to soccer.

Thomas Beurgler, of Switzerland, races to victory in the World Cup giant slalom at Schladming yesterday.

Lawn Tennis

McEnroe against Delray event

By JOHN PARSONS in New York

ON THE eve of the Volvo Grand Prix Masters, John McEnroe, the defending champion, was honoured by his fellow players as their choice of "Player of the Year" for the third time in succession.

John McEnroe . . . 'Player of the Year' again.

Behind the celebratory scenes, however, there is acute embarrassment within the players own union, The Association of Tennis Professionals, that McEnroe, one of their executive members, is refusing to support their new showpiece tournament next month.

The A T P, together with the Women's Tennis Association and a development company, have put together a new two-week tournament for 128 men and women at Delray Beach, between Feb. 5-17 which, however unlikely, they hope might one day become accepted as a fifth Grand Slam event.

McEnroe, who has resisted all the overtures made to him, is not impressed with either the timing, the venue or the concept of the event.

"I'm not playing because I don't like to play outdoors in the middle of the indoor season," he said. "It's a very inappropriate time to play an event like this and to pretend that it's the next Grand Slam event is pretty absurd."

Minimum requirement

There are other factors. McEnroe would never, through choice, play on clay, which is the surface for this new tournament, the Lipton International. That Delray spans two weeks but only counts, like Wimbledon and the US Open, as one commitment, is something McEnroe also sees as a problem.

Following the merging of the Grand Prix and W C T circuits, players among the top 200 now *have to agree* to play a *minimum* of 14 events plus the Masters and W C T Dallas during 1985, three more than last year—but still only a maximum of 20 weeks out of 52.

McEnroe, for ever complaining about the strain of having to play too much, usually just before he begins a week of exhibition one night stands all over America, fell two short of his required number of tournaments in 1984, for various reasons, including suspension. Therefore, he has to make up this deficit in 1985 or forfeit his £500,000 bonus pool earnings.

As someone who has also frequently bemoaned the lack of unity among players when it comes to tackling some of the issues which affect them most directly, McEnroe's apparently selfish approach to Delray is unlikely to be well received.

Touchy subject

"I don't feel any obligation to anyone but myself at this stage," says the world champion who carefully plans his programme with major tournaments such as Paris, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open principally in mind.

"I'm not going to make my schedule just so that someone else can make money by selling more condominiums down in Delray or something," added this complex tennis genius who somehow attracts controversy in whatever he says or does.

As the W T A have successfully persuaded all their leading players, including Martina Navratilova and Chris Lloyd, to support Delray, the absence of McEnroe and of Jimmy Connors, the world No. 2, who is not an A T P member, is a touchy subject among the men.

Mike Davies, executive director of A T P, said: "Obviously we are disappointed but we're not going to go down on our knees to ask McEnroe to play."

Meanwhile, Ivan Lendl has confirmed that he plans to go ahead with an extensive doubles as well as singles programme this year, mainly partnered by Andres Gomez with whom he won the Benson and Hedges tournament at Wembley.

AUCKLAND GRAND PRIX.—1st Rd: B. Drewett (Australia) bt R. Barlow (Australia) 6-2, 8-6, 6-3; L. Shiras (U.S.) bt D. Lewis 3-6, 6-2, 8-6; P. Doohan (Australia) bt B. Derlan 6-2, 6-2; C. Lewis bt S. Guy 6-4, 6-1; J. Lloyd (GB) bt B. Levine (U.S.) 6-2, 6-2; J. Turpin (U.S.) bt R. Axel (U.S.) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; J. Fitzgerald (Australia) bt K. Belcher (U.S.) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

NAVRATILOVA SOLDIERS ON

Martina Navratilova, preparing for her first lawn tennis tournament of 1985, hopes to stay the world's top woman player for at least two or three more years—but admits it is getting tougher to be motivated.

She meets Andrea Leand in the first round of the Virginia Slims competition today in Washington.

The Czech-born left-hander confessed: "I always said I would play until I was 30, and now I am getting close.

"I have a few more years left, but it is getting harder and harder to get out of bed. At the end of 1981 and 1982, I worked very hard, never taking a day off. I have tapered off but I still enjoy tennis."

Miss Navratilova, 28, added: "I never think about reaching the finals. I have been there so many times before I just expect it."

As she anticipated her seventh Washington title and the 100th championship of her career, she reflected positively on her surprise defeat by Helena Sukova in the semi-final of December's Australian Open.

Miss Navratilova said: "I came out of it like a racing car driver who has to put the pieces together emotionally after a crash. It took a lot of pressure off and made for a more relaxing Christmas. It also let me put the year into a drawer and make a fresh start."

WASHINGTON INDOOR WOMEN'S CH'SHIPS.—1st Rd: K. Rinaldi bt C. Kohde-Kilsch (W. Germany) 7-5, 6-7, 6-1; Z. Garrison bt A. Henricksson 7-5, 6-3; R. Casals bt T. Phelps 6-1, 6-4.

Athletics

Bubka heads Soviets in Cosford challenge

By KEN MAYS

SERGEY BUBKA, the world pole-vault record holder, will lead a powerful four-strong Soivet Union squad at the Pearl Assurance A A A indoor athletics championship at R A F Cosford on Jan. 25-26.

Bubka, who set an outdoor world record in England last year of 19ft 4¼in (5·90m) which he increased later to 19ft 5¾in (5·94m), is coming direct from the World Indoor Games in Paris the week before.

Before the Amateur Athletic Association accepted his offer, however, they had to check whether the pole-vault stand and the iron rafters at the R A F hangar at the Midland's centre were capable of at least a possible all-comers' record.

It was there two years ago that Frenchman Thierry Vigneron caused concern when he set the record of 18ft 4½in (5·60m), and Bubka could be pushed all the way to a new height by his brother Vasili.

Chinese also coming

He has a personal best 18ft 8¼in (5·70m), higher than the British record.

Accompanying them will be leading girl high jumper Olgo Turchak and Oleg Protsenko, who has a triple jump best of 57ft 5¾in (17·52m).

Their appearance will add extra interest to the championships, because the Chinese have also decided to send a small team for the first time.

The United States is sending a team of 25 to the Paris games, but most of their top names have decided to compete in an indoor meeting in Los Angeles at the same time.

Best known among those travelling to Europe will be sprinters Sam Graddy and Mel Lattany among the 15 men and Chandra Cheeseborough and Stephanie Hightower among the women.

The London-to-Brighton walk, the classic of the home calendar, has ended after 59 races because of falling entries, escalating costs and the increase in the volume of traffic on the course.

It was four years ago that Dave King, a member of the Belgrave Harriers, was fatally injured during the 53 miles event. Last year, the entries nosedived to just 21.

Powerboats

FORMULA TWO CASH PLEDGE

By RAY BULMAN

Rolatruc, the Slough-based forklift company will continue sponsorship of this year's six-race National Formula II (2,000 c.c.) powerboats series.

The seriesw as won last year by Steve Kerton, the Laing Homes driver.

Mark Wilson will continue to compete under Rolatruc colours in Formula II, but will be joined by Andrew Walder, 16, son of his mechanic, racing at the same meeting in the 750cc T.2 monohull class.

Ken McCrorie is another new addition to the Rolatruc team in the 750cc Formula IV category, so providing representation throughout the classes.

BUERGLER EDGES HOME

THOMAS BUERGLER, of Switzerland, achieved his first World Cup victory in the season's toughest giant slalom at Schladming, Austria, yesterday — but second-placed Marc Girardelli extended his lead in the overall standings.

Buergler finished with a combined time of 2 mins 36·65 sec for the two legs, 0·11 seconds faster than Girardelli, the Austrian who represents Luxembourg.

Girardelli raised his total in the Cup standings to 140 points, opening up a lead of 36 over his closest rival, Pirmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland, who missed a gate shortly before the finish of the second leg.

Hangl third

Martin Hangl, another of the powerful Swiss team, came third in 2m 38·53sec, and Austria's Guenther Mader was fourth in 2min 38·57sec.

The competitors, tired after a dash from the French Pyrenees resort of La Mongie on Monday, were confronted by a treacherous icy course of partly artificial snow which dropped 396 metres.

WORLD CUP (Schladming).—Giant Slalom: T. Buergler (Switzerland) 2min 36·55sec, 1; M. Girardelli (Luxembourg) 2-36·76, 2; M. Hangl (Switzerland) 2-38·53, 3.

WORLD CUP JUMPING T'MENT (9th event, Cortina d'Ampezzo).—R. Ruud (Norway) 205·6 pts, 1; H. Persson (Norway) 206·4—2; A. Bauer (W. Germany) 205·7—3.

Motor Rallying

STAGE WIN FOR ICKX

Jacky Ickx made the fastest time on yesterday's Inamguel-Tamanraset, Saharan section of the Paris-Dakar rally to haul him into sixth place of the general classification.

The Belgian, with French actor Claude Brasseur, took his Porsche 959 over the 239km stretch eight minutes ahead of Frenchman Jean-Pierre Jarier in a Mercedes 280.

But Ickx, the winner of the 1983 event, still trails well behind overall leader and fellow countryman Guy Colsoul, driving a Opel Manta 400.

However, Ickx's win was particularly gratifying to him, since last year he was on the verge of dropping out with mechanical failure during the same stage. His team-mate and last year's victor, Rene Metge, grabbed third spot on the section but lies way back in 34th place after losing three hours on Sunday.

The Mitsubishi team, with British driver Andrew Cowan, solved earlier fuel blockage problems.

PARIS-DAKAR (Inamguel-Tamanrasset stage).—T. Colsol (Belg.), Opel Manta, 8hr 2min 56sec, 1; R. Fougerouse (Fra.), Toyota FJ6, 8hr 17min 24sec, 2; H. Pescarolo (Fra.), Land Rover, 8hr 31min 59sec, 3; J. Raymondis (Fra.), Range Rover, 8hr 33min 21sec, 4; E. Weber (W. Ger.), Opel Manta, 8hr 43min 1sec, 5; J. Ickx (Belg.), Porsche 959, 8hr 46min 12sec, 6.

Darts

LOWE DEFEATS COSNETT 3-0

John Lowe clinically destroyed John Cosnett in three straight sets to sweep into the last eight of the £43,000 Embassy World Professional Darts Championship in Stoke last night.

England captain Lowe denied Wolverhampton qualifier Cosnett a single leg as he raced through 3-0, 3-0, 3-0 in only 24 minutes of a one-sided match.

EMBASSY WORLD CH'SHIP (Stoke-on-Trent).—2nd Rd: J. Lowe bt J. Cosnett 3-0; K. Deller bt L. Marreel (Belgium) 3-0.
C. Lazarenko bt S. Lord (Sweden) 3-0.

Bowls

Lowe and Palmer take star billing at Ely

By OUR BOWLS CORRESPONDENT

TREVOR LOWE, a new Cambridge skip, and Steve Palmer, a late entry for the qualifying competition, emerged as stars in the £1,600 Cannon Assurance Open Masters singles semi-finals at Ely yesterday.

Lowe recovered from 3-8 in the third set to beat David Bryant, the top seed 3-9, 9-5, 9-8. Palmer, the giant-killer of the tournament, held a match point before Willie Wood, world championship silver medallist, scrambled home 9-5, 6-9, 9-8.

Lowe's win was akin to Wood's as seen through a back-to-front playback of a film. With Bryant leading 8-5 in the third set, Lowe scored three singles and then drew three shots around the jack.

Then, with his last bowl, Bryant aimed carefully and drove powerfully only to take out his own ball to leave ...Lowe the surprise winner.

Series of cannons

Wood faced almost a similar head when trailing 6-8 facing Palmer's two shots lie. Wood, too, chose to drive with his main objective to smash the jack out of bounds for a replayed end. A miss stood the chance of breaking up the head.

His mighty drive banged into that head, a series of cannons leaving only two balls and the jack on th egreen. Neither bowl was very near, but Wood scrambled the singles, and completed his win with a two.

Earlier, Wood and Bryant salvaged male bowling prestige somewhat with respective wins over Sally Smith, 18, and Norma Shaw in the quarter-finals.

Following her spectacular wins on Monday, Smith seemed subdued, and Wood never relinquished control while winning 9-6, 9-2. Shaw, the current women's world champion, has yet to find an answer to Bryant's varying tactics and was beaten 9-3, 9-2.

Q'TR-FINALS.—W. Wood (Edinburgh) bt Miss S. Smith (N. Walsham) 9-6, 9-2; S. Palmer (Ely) bt D. Ward (N. Walsham) 9-2, 9-7; T. Lowe (Ely) bt A. Blair (Ely) 9-4, 9-5; D. Bryant (Clevedon) bt Mrs N. Shaw (Teesside) 9-3, 9-3.

SEMI-FINALS: Wood bt Palmer 9-5, 6-9, 9-8; Lowe bt Bryant 3-9, 9-5, 9-8.

KID'S STUFF

Stephen Snell, 11, of the Stratton Bowls Club at Wootten Bassett, has highlighted the current "progress" of young bowlers by entering the Wiltshire County Championships. He has already won a pairs tournament.

PRUDENTIAL NAT. FOURS.—4th Rd: P. Butler (Arun) 19, S. Shepherd (Arun) 15—D. Miller (Victory) 24, D. Nye (K. Alfred) 8—G. Bridger (Worthing) 27, F. Primer (K. Alfred) 3—J. A. Rodwell (Barking) 21, D. Jarrold (Barking) 10—J. Dowler (Cheshunt) 14, A. Nimmo (Tye) 15—T. Rice (Tye) 20, A. Jewell (Ilford) 14—M. Truby (Tye) 8, R. Reynolds (Barking) 28—R. Rollen (Towerlands) 18, R. Pearce (Falcon) 21—K. Barnard (Temple) 37, C. Scales (Greenwich) 11—K. Marvin (Lewisham) 27, C. Rew (Temple) 15—R. McIlling (Dartford) 33, N. Erenden (Dartford) 13—R. Cain (Greenwich) 20, L. Bull (Temple) 13—D. Brooks (Croydon) 22, M. Collins (Croydon) 14—K. Coomber (Cyphers) 21, D. Cross (Cyphers) 19—R. Ward (Victory) 23, D. Dennis (Victory) 13—D. Witheyman (Arun) 12, R. Potten (Worthing) 28—J. Preston (Eastbourne) 23, K. Collins (Eastbourne) 21—R. Miller (Preston) w.o., J. Steddon (Gullivers) scr—B. Richardson (Preston) w.o., T. Wilson (Egerton) scr.

Ski-ing

Mercer top Briton as Swiss reign

By ALAN SMITH in Sils, Switzerland

JOERG ANDEREGG, 22, from Brienz, a member of the Swiss team, led his compatriots to an overwhelming success in the British Championship giant slalom, sponsored by the British Land Company, in Sils yesterday.

Results

MEN'S BRITISH LAND GIANT SLALOM CH'SHIP.—J. Anderegg (Switz), 143·2 secs, 1; K. Naepflin (Switz), 144·18, 2; O. Kuenzi (Switz), 145·75, 3. Best British placings: D. Mercer, 148·7, 15; F. Burton, 149·88, 17.

Racers from the home country filled the top four places and nine of the first 10. An Austrian was fifth, and the best British performance came from David Mercer, who could only finish 15th.

Anderegg, nominally an electrician but mainly a full-time ski racer, has won two previous international races and usually reaches the top 10 in European Cup slaloms and giant slaloms.

Several of his fellow Swiss yesterday were higher in the seedings list but h took the lead on the first run and consolidated it second time down.

Head of tourism

Anderegg hardly speaks English but joked happily: "I'm not just champion of British ski—I'm champion of British whisky".

Both courses were set by Dumeng Giovaneli, a former Swiss Olympic skier and now the busy head of tourism, the local ski school and owner of a hotel in this attractive village which at present has better snow than most places in the Alps—if no more than some parts of southern England. Yesterday was warmer than it has been, too . . . only minus 14 degrees.

Anderegg said that the Swiss had entered the race in bulk "because there is nothing else for us—it was a good training run". H finished nearly a second ahead of Karl Naepflin, 20, with Oliver Kuenzi, 18, one and a half seconds away third.

Mark Blyth, third in last year's slalom championship and expected to go well here, caught a ski-tip just three gates from home on the first run.

Freddie Burton, who won the Lowlanders Championship in Val d'Isere at the weekend—followed by a hurried journey which only ended here at midnight on Monday—was the top British racer after the first run, 16th, one place ahead of Mercer.

But Mercer, 24, son of an Edinburgh greengrocer who started ski-ing at 12 on the artificial slope at Hillend, overtook him.

This was only Mercer's third race of the season and his first giant slalom, partly as a result of the lack of snow and cancelled races, and partly because of the British Ski Federation's lack of sufficient financial backing.

Mercer, who first skied on snow at 15 and races on a shoestring—he exists on £700 earned from odd jobs—said optimistically: "I'm sure British ski-ing is improving. Skiers are starting younger and you will see the results in a few years."

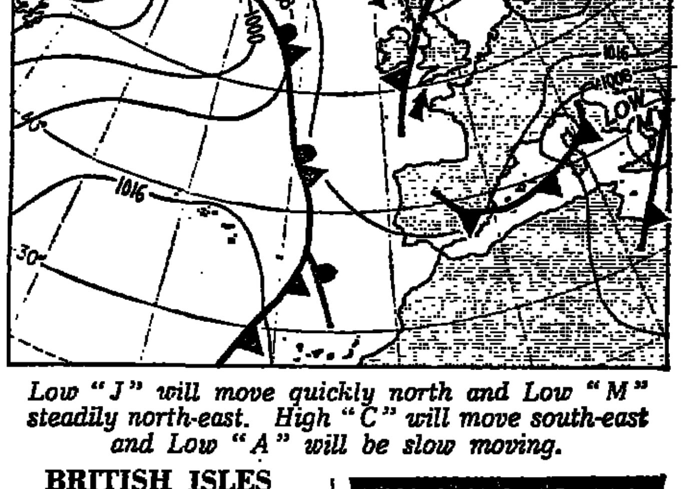
Sils, just a few miles from St Moritz, with a population of only 450—multiplied 10 times by tourists both winter and summer—is most famous as the home of Freidrich Nietzche, the 19th century philosopher. Clearly a philisophical view has to be taken of the British performances here.

The British Championships were made open four years ago to try and improve the standard. Having done so, it would be surly to complain now that the British racers are being swamped. The answer is not to reimpose restrictions but to raise money and standards, and the Federation has both in its sights.

NEW SLALOM VENUE

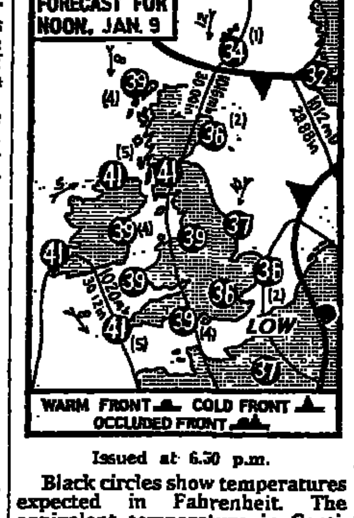
The World Cup men's slalom, called off in La Mongie, France, on Monday because of heavy snow and poor visibility, will now tke place in Todtnau, Wst Germany, on either Jan. 21 or Jan. 23.

ATLANTIC WEATHER—Noon Jan. 8



Low "J" will move quickly north and Low "M" steadily north-east. High "C" will move south-east and Low "A" will be slow moving.

BRITISH ISLES



Issued at 6.30 p.m.

Black circles show temperatures expected in Fahrenheit. The equivalent temperature in Centigrade is given alongside in brackets. Arrows indicate wind direction and speed in m.p.h. Pressures in millibars and inches.

HOME AND ABROAD

Ajaccio	c	36	2	Locarno	c	25	-5
Akrotiri	f	68	20	London	sn	28	-2
Alexndria	s	75	25	*L. Angls	c	54	12
Algiers	c	50	10	Luxmbrg	s	12	-11
Amstdm	sn	28	-2	Luxor	dr	77	25
Ascension	f	82	28	Madrid	s	36	2
Athens	c	63	17	Majorca	f	45	7
Bahrain	s	64	18	Malaga	f	55	13
*Barbados	f	81	27	Malta	r	55	13
Barcelna	s	36	2	Mnchstr	sn	30	-1
Beirut	s	70	21	Melbo'rne	c	68	20
Belfast	c	36	2	Miami	s	72	22
Belgr'de	fg	9	-13	Milan	f	23	-5
Berlin	sn	21	-6	Mntreal	sn	7	-14
*Bermuda	s	66	19	Moscow	sn	19	-7
Biarritz	s	23	-5	Munich	s	-2	-19
Brmghm	sn	28	-2	Newcastle	f	34	1
Blackpool	c	30	-1	N. Delhi	s	63	17
Bordeaux	s	18	-8	New York	s	30	-1
Boulogne	f	19	-7	Nice	sn	27	-3
Bristol	sn	28	-2	Oporto	s	45	7
Brussels	s	16	-9	Oslo	s	7	-14
Budap'st	fg	12	-11	Paris	s	16	-9
*B. Aires	s	84	29	Peking	s	32	0
Cape Tn	s	75	24	Perth	s	86	30
Cardiff	sn	32	0	P. Stanley	c	55	13
Casablnca	f	61	16	Prague	s	0	-18
Cologne	s	7	-14	Reykjavik	s	30	-1
Cpnhgn	sn	18	-8	Rhodes	s	64	18
Corfu	r	61	16	*R de Jan	f	81	27
*Denver	f	34	1	Riyadh	s	70	21
Dublin	c	36	2	Rome	c	36	2
Dubrvnik	c	41	5	Salzb'rg	sn	-2	-19
Edinbrgh	s	36	2	*S. Frisco	c	54	12
Faro	s	50	10	*Santiago	s	77	25
Frankfurt	s	18	-8	*S. Paulo	c	77	25
Funchal	c	61	16	Singapore	f	88	31
Geneva	c	14	-10	Stockhlm	s	7	-14
Gibraltar	f	35	13	Strasburg	s	10	-12
Glasgow	f	37	3	Sydney	s	79	26
Guernsey	c	30	-1	Tangier	c	57	14
Helsinki	c	0	-18	Tel Aviv	s	73	23
Hongkong	c	54	12	Tenerife	s	46	8
Innsbrck	s	5	-15	Toronto	s	-5	-15
Inverness	f	37	3	Tokyo	s	46	8
I. of Man	c	39	4	Tunis	f	50	10
Istanbul	f	57	14	Valencia	s	43	6
Jersey	c	30	-1	*Vancver	c	37	3
Johnsbrg	f	82	28	Venice	c	23	-5
Larnaca	s	66	19	Vienna	s	3	-16
L. Palmas	s	68	20	Warsaw	s	1	-17
Lima	s	81	27	Wellingtn	f	66	19
Lisbon	s	41	5	Zurich	f	3	-16

Key: C—cloudy; dr—drizzle; fg—fog; f—fair; r—rain; s—sunny; sn—snow. Temperatures (F & C) lunch-time generally. Asterisk indicates previous day's reading.

BRITISH RESORTS

Reports for the 24 hours to 6 p.m. yesterday:

	Sun hrs.	Rain ins.	Max. Temps. F	C	Weather (day)
East					
Scarboro'	—	0.02	36	2	Bright
Bridlington	—	0.06	34	1	Bright
Cromer	—	—	27	-3	Cloudy
Lowestoft	—	—	37	-3	Cloudy
Clacton	—	0.06	27	-3	Cloudy
Margate	—	—	28	-2	Sunny
South					
Folkestone	2.5	—	30	-1	Cloudy
Hastings	—	0.07	28	-2	Snow
Eastbourne	—	0.25	34	1	Snow
Brighton	—	0.05	28	-2	Snow
Worthing	—	—	32	0	Snow
Bognor R	0.5	—	30	-1	Snow
Southsea	—	0.02	34	1	Snow
Sandown	—	0.05	32	0	Snow
Shanklin	—	0.06	36	2	Snow
Ventnor	—	0.10	36	2	Snow
Bournemth	—	0.10	34	1	Snow
Poole	—	0.11	34	1	Snow
Swanage	—	0.12	36	2	Snow
Weymouth	—	0.28	36	2	Snow
Exmouth	0.8	0.07	34	1	Snow
Teignmth	0.7	—	37	3	Snow
Torquay	0.6	0.07	37	3	Snow
Falmouth	0.5	0.12	41	5	Showers
Penzance	0.2	0.17	43	6	Hail
Jersey	—	0.09	30	-1	Snow
Guernsey	—	0.06	36	2	Snow
West					
Scilly Is	0.7	0.09	45	7	Dull
Newquay	0.5	0.06	45	7	Showers
Ilfracombe	—	0.04	43	6	Snow
Tenby	1.0	0.03	43	6	Cloudy
Colwyn B	—	0.13	39	4	Rain
Southport	—	0.06	34	1	Dull
Morecambe	—	—	32	0	Snow
Douglas	0.4	0.09	41	5	Bright
Scotland					
Eskdalem'r	2.7	0.04	34	1	Fog
Prestwick	3.6	—	41	1	Bright
Glasgow	3.4	—	41	5	Sunny
Tiree	2.5	0.04	43	6	Showers
S'tornoway	2.0	0.06	41	5	Showers
Lerwick	1.8	0.04	37	3	Showers
Wick	2.2	0.05	39	4	Showers
Aberdeen	4.7	0.06	41	5	Showers
Edinburgh	3.7	—	43	6	Sunny
Northern Ireland					
Belfast	0.6	0.02	39	4	Rain
Lake District					
Ambleside	—	0.05	36	2	Cloudy
Keswick	—	0.07	36	2	Cloudy

LONDON READINGS

Max. temp. (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 32F (0C); min. temp. (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) 23F (-5C); rainfall traces; sunshine nil.

In Britain yesterday (daytime): warmest Isles of Scilly 45F (7C); coldest Wattisham 27F (-3C); wettest Aberporth 0·39 inch; sunniest 4·7 hours.

CYCLING

BREMEN SIX-DAY.—J. Kristen & H. Rinklin (W. Germany) 236 pts, 1; G. Wiggins & T. Doyle (Australia & GB) 160, 3.

MOSCOW.—5 kilo race: E. Salumyan (USSR) 6min 39·65sec (indoor world record).

SKI-ING CONDITIONS

The following reports were supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain:

	Depth l	Depth u	Conditions Piste	Conditions o.P.	Weather & Temp(F) 5 pm.	
Andermatt	40	155	g	v	fn	-7
Courmayer	25	120	g	cr	f	14
Grindelwald	30	80	fa	v	s	-4
La Plagne	30	115	w	cr	f	0
Leysin	60	120	fa	v	fg	15
Murren	55	135	g	v	f	5
St. Anton	32	160	fa	v	f	6
Val Thorens	60	175	fa	v	f	-4
Villars	20	70	f	h	cl	23
Zermatt	25	75	fa	h	f	10

Key: l—lower; u—upper; c—closed; cl—cloudy; cr—crust; f—fine; fg—fog; fa—fair; fo—fohn; g—good; h—heavy; i—icy; o.p.—off piste; pd—powder; pr—poor; r—rain; sn—snow; sp—spring; th—thaw; v—varied; w—worn. Depths in centimetres; temperatures in Fahrenheit.

SCOTLAND

CAIRNGORMS.—Upper runs: complete, new snow. Middle runs: complete, new snow. Lower slopes: some complete, new snow. Vertical runs: 1,600ft. Hill roads: clear. Main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

GLENSHEE.—Upper runs: snow cover patchy. New snow on a hard base. Lower slopes: limited nursery areas, new snow. Vertical runs: 300ft. Hill roads: slight snow. Main roads: slight.

GLENCOE.— Insufficient snow for ski-ing. Snow level: 2,000ft.

LECHT.—Upper and middle runs complete with new snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: ample nursery areas. Vertical runs: 700ft. Hill roads: slight snow. Main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

Forecast for today: Mostly dry with sunny periods and only isolated sleet or snow showers. Freezing at all levels at first rising to 1,500ft. in afternoon. Wind northerly moderate on slopes.

Outlook for tomorrow: Scattered showers or longer periods of rain, falling as sleet or snow on slopes.

Lighting-up time 4.42 p.m. to 7.33 a.m. Sun rises 8.4 a.m. Sets 4.12 p.m. Moon rises 7 p.m. Sets 10.37 a.m. tomorrow. High water at: London Bridge 3.10 a.m. (23ft); 3.32 p.m. (23·8ft); Dover 12.11 a.m. (21·8ft); 12.22 p.m. (22ft).

TELEVISION — WEDNESDAY

GUIDE BY PETER KNIGHT

BBC-1

6.30 a.m.-9 Breakfast Time, with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. 10.30 Play School, rpt. 10.50-11.15 Gharbar. 12.30 News, Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London and South East only: Financial Report and News Headlines). 1 Pebble Mill at One: guests include Peter Davison and Linsey Beauchamp, plus the start of a new series of The Cooking Canon Entertains with the Rev. John Eley. 1.45 King Rollo, rpt. 1.50-2 Bric-a-Brac, rpt. 2.48 (not London) Regional News. 3.50 Play School. 4.10 The Puppy's New Adventures. 4.30 Farmer Giles of Ham by J. R. R. Tolkien, read by Freddie Jones. 4.45 Captain Caveman. 4.55 John Craven's Newsround. 5.5 Eureka, rpt. 5.30 The Railway Carriage Game: new quiz and comedy series featuring Lennie Bennett and Stan Boardman. 5.58 Weather.

6 00 NEWS.

6 30 REGIONAL MAGAZINES.

6 55 STAR TREK—The Squire of Gothos, rpt. Later time-slot for this perennially popular series which should please addicts annoyed and frustrated by the earlier timing.

7 45 The GOLDEN OLDIE PICTURE SHOW—Dave Lee Travis rakes through some hit records from the past while a group of film directors put together the pictures the songs conjure up for them. A sort of pop video show featuring songs of the fifties, sixties and early seventies.

8 10 DALLAS—Charlie. Pam's suspicions that Mark may still be alive are strengthened when fragments of his plane are found. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

9 00 NEWS, WEATHER.

9 25 REAL LIVES—Pushers. Return of the series which takes a perceptive, often bitingly critical, look at some contemporary lifestyles. The opening programme takes an excursion into the sordid and seedy world of the drug pushers on Merseyside, "the lowest form of human life" in the words of one detective. Mostly centred on police attempts to stamp out the trade, it is a graphic, often very disturbing, view of an underworld where a drug seller can glean profits of around £5,000 a week and never be short of customers.

10 25 "KILLERFISH" (1978). Not sharks this time but piranha fish on the rampage causing havoc with a gang of crooks who have unwisely hidden their stolen loot in a Brazilian reservoir. With Lee Majors and Karen Black. 12 Weather.

BBC-2

5.25 p.m. News Summary, followed by Weather. 5.30 Willo the Wisp—Food for Thought, rpt from BBC-1. 5.35 Fast Forward with Floella Benjamin, Joanna Monro, Andrew Secombe and Nick Wilton.

6 00 "BADMAN'S TERRITORY" (1946, b/w). Randolph Scott as the lone lawman coping with such notorious outlaws as Frank and Jesse James, the Dalton Brothers and Sam Bass as he attempts to bring some much-needed law and order to a small Western town, helped by a crusading newspaper editor (Ann Richards).

7 35 SEASIDE WOMAN—Animated film with music by Linda McCartney and Wings.

7 40 CAUSE FOR CONCERN—Margo MacDonald investigates the disappearance of five-year-old Caroline Hogg from Portobello near Edinburgh in 1983: her body was later found in a Leicestershire lay-by. First shown on BBC Scotland.

8 10 TIMEWATCH—Including items on the cowboy as all-American hero, medieval chivalry, and European dominance in Africa a century ago.

9 00 ★ANNA OF THE FIVE TOWNS—Start of a four-part adaptation by John Harvey of Arnold Bennett's story, set in the Potteries in the 1890s and following the progress of a personable young woman who inherits a fortune when she becomes 21 which opens up a whole new world for her. It's a good solid production in the best traditions of the BBC classic serials, with meticulous attention to period detail, carefully nurtured atmosphere and a gallery of good characters ripe for development. Linsey Beauchamp, in her first major TV role, brings a freshness and shy charm to the title role and the strong supporting cast includes Peter Davison, Emrys James, Anton Lesser, Anna Cropper and Edward Kelsey. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

9 55 WORLD DARTS—The World Professional Championship, the quarter-finals.

10 30 NEWSNIGHT.

11 15-12.15 a.m. WORLD DARTS—Further coverage of the quarter-final matches.

ITV Thames

6.15 a.m. Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street, preceded by Thames News Headlines. 10.25 Gideon, rpt. 10.35 Mooncat & Co. 10.50 Inspector Gadget. 11.10 Make it Pay, rpt. 11.35 Fabulous Funnies. 11.55 Rub a Dub Dub. 12 Rod, Jane & Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Mr & Mrs: new series, presented by Derek Batey. 1 News. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.25 Home Cookery Club. 2.30 On the Market. 3 Gems: part four of the serial set in a London fashion workshop. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4 Rod, Jane & Freddy, rpt. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Razmatazz. 4.45 The Book Tower (Oracle sub-titles). 5.15 Blockbusters.

5 45 NEWS.

6 00 THAMES NEWS.

6 25 HELP! presented by Viv Taylor Gee.

6 35 CROSSROADS.

7 00 WISH YOU WERE HERE . . .? Chris Kelly reports from New York State on a fly-drive holiday. Judith Chalmers visits Lyme Regis in Dorset and Ted Moult and his wife travel to the Isle of Skye to complete their coach tour. (Oracle sub-titles.)

7 30 CORONATION STREET. (Oracle sub-titles.)

8 00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE — Eamonn Andrews springs another surprise on an unsuspecting victim.

8 30 MOVING. New six-part comedy-drama series adapted by Stanley Price from his own West End play which probed the perils and pitfalls of moving house. Penelope Keith re-creates her stage role of Sarah Gladwyn who, with husband Frank (Ronald Pickup), is trying to sell their house, move into a flat and start a new career. (Oracle sub-titles.)

9 00 LYTTON'S DIARY. Rabid Dingo—Shock Horror. Start of a new six-part drama series featuring Peter Bowles as Fleet Street gossip columnist Neville Lytton, first encountered in the "Storyboard" single-play series. In the first episode he investigates the background of an Australian entrepeneur who is trying to buy a Fleet Street newspaper. (Oracle sub-titles.)

10 00 NEWS AT TEN, followed by Thames News Headlines.

10 30 MIDWEEK SPORT SPECIAL — Including Football, coverage of one of the F.A. Cup Third Round replays; Snooker, The Mercantile Credit Classic.

12 25 NIGHT THOUGHTS — with Jan Pickard.

Channel 4

2.30 p.m. Snooker: The Mercantile Credit Classic. 4 A Plus 4. 4.30 Countdown, with Richard Whiteley and John Junkin. 5 Alice. 5.30 The Mary Tyler Moore Show.

6 00 DANGER MAN — The Nurse. B/w, rpt.

6 30 THE LIVING BODY — Two Hearts That Beat As One. Continuing the series which explores the workings of the human body.

7 00 CHANNEL FOUR NEWS: at 7.50 Comment by a Conservative MP, and Weather.

8 00 THE DRAGON HAS TWO TONGUES — A History of the Welsh: Where to Begin? First of a 13-part exploration of Welsh history by Wynford Vaughan-Thomas and Professor Gwyn Williams, who offer their own conflicting interpretations of events. Their viewpoints are so at odds that in the opening programme they cannot even agree on the point where Welsh history starts.

8 30 DIVERSE REPORTS — Christine Chapman reports on the plight of people who flee from Communism and questions whether they harm the cause of those fighting Communism from within.

9 00 WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON? Ken Loach's prize-winning film featuring the songs and poems by miners and their families which have been inspired by the current industrial dispute.

10 00-11.50 "THE HANDYMAN" (1980). First in a season of French-Canadian films, a comedy-drama featuring Jocelyn Berube as an amorous handyman who starts an affair with a married woman in Montreal after his wife leaves him. With English sub-titles.

★★ Outstanding. ★ Recommended.

ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 15 Good Morning.
9 28 Sesame Street.
10 30 The Groovie Ghoulies.
11 00 Fireball XL5.
11 30 Mysteries, Myths & Legends.
12 00 Rod, Jane & Freddy.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 The Sullivans.
1 00 News; TVS News.
1 30 Falcon Crest.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 25 TVS News; The Young Doctors.
4 00 Rod, Jane & Freddy.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Razzmatazz.
4 45 The Book Tower.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 Coast to Coast.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Wish You Were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 Moving: Penelope Keith stars in a six-part adaptation of Stanley Price's comedy.
9 00 Lytton's Diary. Six-part drama series, with Peter Bowles as a gossip columnist.
10 00 News; TVS News.
10 30 Midweek Sport Special — double bill of snooker and football.
12 25 Company.

Anglia

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Sesame Street.
10 25 "The Big MGM Parade of Comedy"—1964 film: W. C. Fields and many others.
11 50 Cartoon Time.
12 00 Rod, Jane & Freddy.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Mr and Mrs.
1 00 News; Anglia News.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 25 Anglia News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Rod, Jane & Freddy.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Razzmatazz.
4 45 The Book Tower.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 About Anglia.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Wish You Were Here?
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10 30 Midweek Sport Special — double bill of snooker and football.
12 25 East Comes West.

Central

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Once Upon a Time . . .
9 50 Falcon Island.
10 20 The Big Ice.
11 20 The Little Rascals.
11 35 Soup for President.
12 00 Rod, Jane & Freddy.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Silver Spoons.
1 00 News; Central News.
1 30 Hardcastle and McCormick.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 25 News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Rod, Jane & Freddy.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Razzmatazz.
4 45 The Book Tower.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 Crossroads.
6 25 Central News.
7 00 Wish You Were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 Moving: Penelope Keith stars in a six-part adaptation of Stanley Price's comedy.
9 00 Lytton's Diary. Six-part drama series, with Peter Bowles as a gossip columnist.
10 00 News; Central News.
10 30-12.25 Midweek Sport Special—double bill of snooker and football.

Yorkshire

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Weather; Sesame St.
10 25 The Galway Way.
11 10 Bogart — Profile of Humphrey Bogart.
12 00 Rod, Jane & Freddy.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Calendar Health Club—new series.
1 00 News; Calendar News.
1 30 Falcon Crest.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 25 News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Rod, Jane & Freddy.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Razzmatazz.
4 45 The Book Tower.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 Calendar.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Wish You Were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
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9 00 Lytton's Diary. Six-part drama series, with Peter Bowles as a gossip columnist.
10 00 News.
10 30-12.25 Midweek Sport Special—double bill of snooker and football.

HTV

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Sesame Street.
10 25 Indian Legends of Canada.
10 50 European Folk Tales.
11 05 Silver Spoons.
11 30 Home, rpt.
11 55 Home Cookery Club.
12 00 Rod, Jane & Freddy.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Benson.
1 00 News; HTV News.
1 30 Simon & Simon.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems; HTV News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Rod, Jane & Freddy.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Razzmatazz.
4 45 The Book Tower.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 HTV News.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Wish You Were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 Moving: Penelope Keith stars in a six-part adaptation of Stanley Price's comedy.
9 00 Lytton's Diary. Six-part drama series, with Peter Bowles as a gossip columnist.
10 00 News; HTV News.
10 30 Midweek Sport Special — double bill of snooker and football.
12 25 Weather.
HTV Wales: 6 p.m.-6.35 Wales at Six.

TSW

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Sesame Street.
10 25 Short Story Theatre.
11 00 Once Upon a Time . . . Man.
11 30 The (singing) Jacksons.
12 00 Rod, Jane & Freddy.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Keep It in the Family.
1 00 News; Local News.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Rod, Jane & Freddy.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Razzmatazz.
4 45 The Book Tower.
5 15 Gus Honeybun.
5 20 Crossroads.
5 45 News.
6 00 Today South West.
6 30 Exploration and Adventure.
7 00 Wish You Were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 Moving: Penelope Keith stars in a six-part adaptation of Stanley Price's comedy.
9 00 Lytton's Diary. Six-part drama series, with Peter Bowles as a gossip columnist.
10 00 News; Local News.
10 34 Midweek Sport Special — double bill of snooker and football.
12 25 Postscript.
12 30 Weather; Shipping.

Channel

9 25 The Little House on the Prairie.
10 25 Short Story Theatre.
11 00 Intruders.
11 30-5.15 As TSW.
5 15 The Pruitts of Southampton.
5 45 News.
6 00 Channel Report.
6 30 Crossroads.
6 55 Home Cookery Club.
7 00-12.25 As TSW.
12 25 News & Weather in French; Weather.

WELSH CHANNEL 4

1 p.m. Countdown. 1.30 Silents Please—"Garden of Eden": 1928 comedy of manners and morals, with Corinne Griffith and Charles Ray. 2 Ffalabalam. 2.15 Setbacks. 2.30 Snooker. 4.15 The Last Cathedral—final part. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.25 Tube Band Aid, rpt. 6 Brookside. 6.30 Hen Wlad Newydd. 7 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Cyfle Arall. 8 Reslo. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar; yn dilyn Penawdau Newyddion. 9 "Gregory's Girl" — 1982 Scottish comedy film, directed by Bill Forsyth. With Gordon John Sinclair and Dee Hepburn. 10.45 Diverse Reports. 11.15-12.15 Eastern Eye: new series of the magazine programme for Britain's Asian community.

BBC WALES
5.35 p.m.-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 Sportfolio.

RADIO

FOUR

5 55 on l/w Shipping.
6 00 News; Weather.
6 10 Farming Today.
6 25 Prayer for the Day.
6 30 Today.
8 43 Far Away & Long Ago (8).
9 00 News.
9 05 Midweek: Libby Purves.
10 00 Gardeners' Question Time, rpt.
10 30 Morning Story.
10 45 Service.
11 00 You the Jury, rpt.
11 48 Mighty Myths.
12 00 You and Yours.
12 27 Father Brown Stories (4), rpt.
12 55 Weather.
1 00 The World at One.
1 40 The Archers.
1 55 on l/w Shipping.
2 00 Woman's Hour.
3 00 "A Bid for Freedom": play by Sue Rodwell.
3 47 Time for Verse.
4 00 Choirs in Conversation (2): A Valley Called The Rhondda.
4 40 Story Time: "Master of the Moor" (5).
5 00 PM (5.50 on l/w Shipping).
5 55 Weather.
6 00 News; Financial news.
6 30 The Best of In One Ear. Revised repeat.
7 00 News.
7 05 The Archers.
7 20 I'm Sorry, God!—The night that changed boxer Ken Lancaster's life.
7 45 Rebels, rpt: 1, Guy Burgess.
8 15 Family Firm: The Dutfield family, who brought carpet-making back to Axminster.
8 45 The Fifth Generation—James Burke considers the social effects of machines made in the image of man.
9 30 The Educating of Harry Soan (2).
9 45 Kaleidoscope.
10 15 Book at Bedtime: "Empire of the Sun" (8).
10 30 The World Tonight.
11 15 Financial World.
11 30 Today in Parliament.
12 00-12.15 News, Weather.
12 33 Shipping forecast.
VHF: 11 a.m.-12 For Schools. 1.55 p.m. Listening Corner. 2-3 For Schools. 11-11.30 Study on 4: A Vous la France!

THREE

6 55 Weather.
7 00 News.
7 05 Your Midweek Choice (8-8.5 News).
9 00 News.
9 05 This Week's Composers: Zelenka, Biber.
10 00 Mendelssohn at 14.
10 35 Beethoven, Dussek.
11 25 Franz Liszt Chamber Orchestra, rpt: Handel, Dvorak.
12 15 Concert Hall, from Broadcasting House: Douglas Boyd (oboe), Iain Burnside (piano).
1 00 News.
1 05 Stan Tracey.
1 30 Matinée Musicale.
2 30 A Cambridge Anniversary Celebration: songs by Hugo Wolf and Chabrier.
3 00 Holst and Moeran.
4 00 A Carol Service for Epiphany from the Chapel of Trinity College, Cambridge.
4 55 News.
5 00 Mainly for Pleasure.
6 30 Début: Enid Katahn (piano).
7 00 "The Gaudy"—play by John Hall about an Old Boys' night at Oxford.
7 45 Karlheinz Stockhausen: Music and Machines, from the Barbican Hall, London (8.20-8.40 Six Continents).
9 25 Acts of Redemption — last talk by Christopher Ricks about the Four Quartets by T. S. Eliot.
10 00 Haydn and Schubert.
11 00 Hilliard Ensemble.
11 57-12 News.

TWO

4 00 Colin Berry.
6 00 Ray Moore.
8 05 Ken Bruce.
10 30 Jimmy Young.
1 05 David Jacobs.
2 00 Gloria Hunniford.
3 30 Music All the Way.
4 00 David Hamilton.
6 00 John Dunn.
8 00 String Sound.
8 30 Radio Wales Male Voice Choir of the Year Competition—New Series.
9 15 Listen to the Band.
9 55 Sports Desk.
10 00 The Golden Years.
10 30 Hubert Gregg.
11 00 Brian Matthew.
1 00 Bill Rennells.
3 00 Black Magic, rpt.
3 30-4 George Best Has . . . A Word with Williams.
VHF: 10 p.m.-12 As Radio 1.

ONE

6 00 Adrian John.
7 00 Mike Read.
9 00 Simon Bates.
12 00 Gary Davies.
2 30 Steve Wright.
5 00 Bruno Brookes.
7 30 Janice Long.
10 00-12 John Peel.

WORLD

6 a.m. Newsdesk. 7 World News. 7.9 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 Report on Religion. 7.45 That's Trad. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 Classical Record Review. 8.30 Mainstream. 9 World News. 9.9 British Press Review. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Sackbuts and Sinfonias. 10 News. 10.1 Church and State. 10.30 Jazz Score. 11 World News. 11.9 News about Britain. 11.15 Putting Politics in its Place.

12 noon Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1 World News. 1.9 Twenty-four Hours. 1.30 From the Promenade Concerts. 2 Outlook. 2.45 Report on Religion. 3 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 The Classical Guitar. 3.30 Clayton's Zodiac. 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Rock Salad. 4.45 The World Today. 5 World News. 5.9 Monitor.

8 p.m. World News. 8.15 Album Time. 8.45 Recording of the Week. 10 World News. 10.9 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 Putting Politics in its Place. 11.30 Top Twenty.

12 midnight World News. 12.9 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Clayton's Zodiac. 1 News. 1.1 Outlook. 1.30 Waveguide. 1.40 Book Choice. 1.45 Monitor. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Network U.K. 2.30 Assignment. 3 World News. 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Foreign Correspondents. 4 Newsdesk. 4.30 Classical Record Review. 5.45 The World Today.

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Ton't 7.30 The Nutcracker. Tomor. Mon. 7.30 Cinderella. Sat. 2.00 & 7.30. Tue. 7.30 Swan Lake. Ballet Casting info 01-240 9815.
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THEATRES

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ASHCROFT CROYDON. 01-688 9291 or 01-680 5955. Until 19 Jan. TREASURE ISLAND. swashbuckling musical with an all-star cast. BOOK NOW!

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ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

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BLOOMSBURY THEATRE. 387 9629/380 1453. CC 380 1453/379 6433. DAVID WOOD'S THE GINGERBREAD MAN. Starring PETER DUNCAN. UNTIL JAN. 13. Today & Thurs. 2.30. Fri. & Sat. 2.30 & 5.30. Sun. perf. 3.30. (Contact Box Office for further perf. times). Half price child's ticket with each adult ticket (Sat. & Sun. only).

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE. 0243 781312. Spike Milligan, Bill Pertwee, John Clegg, Barrie Gosney, Julie Dawn Cole & Janet Mahoney in BABES IN THE WOOD with guest Star Evelyn Laye. Twice daily 2 & 7.

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COTTESLOE 928 2252 CC 928 5933 'S' (National Theatre's small auditorium—low price tkts) Previews Ton't, Tomor 7.30, & Jan 11 to 15. Opens Jan 19 at 3.00 DOOMSDAY.

CRITERION. S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/741 9999/379 6433. Groups 836 3962. Evgs 8.0. Thurs. Mats 2.30. Sats 5.30 & 8.30. THE DAILY MIRROR & THE DAILY MAIL AGREE "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST." The Theatre of Comedy Company. ROBIN ASKWITH, JACK SMETHURST, PETER SALLIS, PRUNELLA GEE, SERETTA WILSON, TIMOTHY CARLTON, PAUL TOOTHILL, DAVID MASTERMAN in RUN FOR YOUR WIFE written and directed by RAY COONEY. Over 700 side-splitting perfs. "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE." Sunday Express. Special Theatre Dinner Criterion Brasserie/Stalls or Circle Ticket £14·60.

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FORTUNE. 01-836 2238. CC 379 6433. LAST WEEK. Still few seats avail. Today Fri. 1.30 & 4.30. Sat. 11, 2 & 6.30. TOAD OF TOAD HALL. 25th consecutive London Season of A. A. Milne's Classic Children's musical.

GARRICK. C.C. S 01-836 4601. Today Evgs. 3.0 & 8.0. Sun. evgs. 8.0. Wed. Mat. 3.00. Sat. 5.00 & 8.00. CC 379 6433. Group sales 01-930 6123. 14th HYSTERICAL YEAR. LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY IN THE WORLD. NO SEX, PLEASE— WE'RE BRITISH. 2 HOURS OF NON-STOP LAUGHTER. Directed by Allan Davis. OVER 5,500 FANTASTIC PERFS.

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LYRIC, Shaftesbury Ave. 437 3686/7. CC 434 1050/434 1550/741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123. Evgs 8.0. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. Thur. Mat. 3.0. THEATRE OF COMEDY COMPANY. DINSDALE LANDEN, GEMMA CRAVEN, NEIL PEARSON, DAVID JOHN, JOHN CHANNELL MILLS and PATRICK O'CONNELL. LOOT by JOE ORTON. Directed by JONATHAN LYNN. "I laughed until the tears ran down my face." F.T. LAST WEEK.

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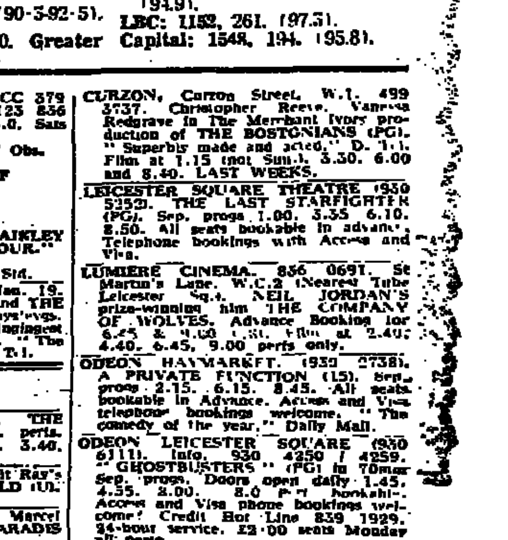

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BIRTHS

AUSTIN.—On Jan. 2, at Georgetown Hospital, Grand Cayman, to Mary (née Rossetti) and Richard, a daughter Qu... Mary.

CORFIELD.—On Jan. 4, to Juliet (née Mercer) and Nicholas, a son (Jeremy).

CORKE.—On Jan. 7, at Southampton, to Ann (née Maynard) and Antony, a daughter (Charlotte Ann Rose).

DILLAMORE.—On Jan. 5, 1985, to Alison (née Ingram) and Lawrence, a daughter (Christie Emily), a sister for James and Joanna.

FISHER—ROBINS.—On Jan. 6, at Leicester, to JULIA and COLIN, a daughter (Elizabeth).

GIBBS.—On Jan. 5, to DIANA an adopted daughter.

HASLAM.—On Dec. 29, 1984, at Rose Maynard Home, Cambridge, to Anne and Patrick Haslam, a son (Benjamin Michael Robert).

HOLLEVILLE.—On Jan. 5, to Rodolphe and Odette, to Patricia (née Perret-Gentil) a son (Robin Jean).

KNIGHT.—On Jan. 1, to CHARLOTTE and Christopher, a son.

NORTHCOTT.—On Jan. 5, to Gillian (née Fisher) and Clayton, a son (Alexander Jeremy).

OSBORN.—On Dec. 29, to Gessie (née Whitnall) and Dennis, a daughter, a sister for Emma and Peter.

PARKER.—On Dec. 31, to Clare (née Duff) and Stephen, a son (Christopher Charles).

POWELL.—On Jan. 5, in Southampton, to Gabrielle (née Hobert) and David, a daughter (Gabrielle), sister for Stephen.

REID.—On Jan. 1, to Ann (née Jones) and Ian, a son, Ewan Duncan.

ROBERTS.—On Jan. 2, to Jennifer, Kentucky, to Anne and Henry, a second son.

ROBINSON.—On Dec. 24, Christmas Day, at Cottingham, to Bonny (née Fisher) and Tom, a daughter (Ivy Rose).

ROMER-LEE.—On Jan. 6, to Janet (née Aitken) ALEXANDER, a daughter (Katherine Paine).

RUSSELL-COLDWIN.—On Dec. 22, at the John Radcliffe Maternity Hospital, to Jill and Nigel, a daughter (Alexandra, a sister for Lucinda).

SAWYER.—On Jan. 5, to Jane (née Wright) and Terence, a son (Nicholas Charles Graham).

SCOFFOSTIN.—On Dec. 29, to Christine (née Tiwana), a daughter (Natasha), a sister for Charles, Elaine and Tania.

WARD.—On Jan. 6, at L.G.H., to Frances (née Maynard) and Rhys, a daughter (Caroline Louise), sister for Victoria and Jonathan.

MARRIAGES

ANNABEL—DAY.—On Jan. 5, 1985, at Bow Church, Bromley, Kenneth to Elizabeth Day of Church Lane, Wrington, Avon.

BROWN—DU CHESNE.—On Dec. 29, at Portsmouth, John E. C. Brown, of Canterbury, Kent, to Jane Du Chesne, of Charfield, Gloucestershire.

CURRY—BELL.—On Jan. 5, at Lambeth, Ian Lir Barry Lowry to Maggie B. L. of Portmeirion.

SCHWARTZMAN—On Dec. 29, 1984, at The Fernwood Fell Gospel Hall, Stratford, London, E.15, MALCOLM CHARLES to SUZANNE IVY.

SILVER WEDDINGS

de PLANTA—de WILDENBERG.—On Jan. 9, 1960, at St. Leodegar, Lenzburg, Switzerland, CONRAD DE PLANTA to WILHELMINE, B.F.A., to DINAS BUCK. Now at N.D.Lodge, Epsom, Surrey.

FLETCHER—FEARNS.—On Jan. 9, 1960, at St Mary and St Nicholas, Leatherhead, KEITH to ANGELA. Now at Newburn, Saunton, Braunton, North Devon.

SHIELDS—BOSWELL.—On Jan. 9, 1960, at Ely Parish Church, Great Malvern, Cape to JENNIFER. Now at Buckingham.

DEATHS

ARMSTRONG.—On Jan. 6, very suddenly but peacefully in Barnet Hospital, Kathleen, dear sister of Kathleen and family. Funeral service at St Mary's, Totteridge, on Monday, Jan. 14 at 11.30 a.m., followed by cremation at Mount Pleasant. Flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research Campaign.

AYLIFFE.—On Jan. 7, to Hampstead, Sylvia, daughter of the late H. K. Aylliff and Mrs Gertrude Aylliff. Funeral at Steeple Morden Parish Church, Cambridgeshire, 2 p.m., Jan. 11.

BACON.—On Jan. 7, peacefully at his home, LESLIE GEORGE, dearly loved husband of Miriam. Cremation at Eastbourne on Friday, Jan. 18, at 12 noon. Flowers to Mummery (F.D.), Seaford-on-Sea.

BAGNALL SMITH.—On Jan. 5, 1985, BETTY, of the Mount, St Johns Road, Woking, mother of Diana and Tony and sister of Joan, much loved by all her family. Funeral private.

BAILEY.—On Jan. 3, peacefully at Northwick Park Hospital, Doris, of Mortimer Harrow, aged 24 years. Funeral 2.45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip.

BAIN.—On Jan. 5, 1985, GEORGE WILLIAM, aged 79 years, beloved Bingham Solicitor, of 15, Falmouth Road, Bexhill-on-Sea. Funeral service at Lodge Park Crematorium, Rushden, on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 10 a.m.

BARNETT.—On Jan. 5, 1985, suddenly at home in Frinton, AUGUSTINE JOSEPH, aged 77 years, dearly loved father of Kenneth and Janet, and beloved grandfather. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Frinton-on-Sea, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 2.15 p.m., followed by interment at Kirby Cross. Flowers or donations for British Heart Foundation, c/o P. G. Coley Ltd., 47, High Street, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex.

BARROWMAN.—On Jan. 7, 1985, LILIAN ANNIE, widow of Andrew and much loved mother of Jeanette, Kathleen, Rosemary, Andrew and Eric. Funeral service at St Sarah, Lilian Andrew, Lowford and Ashton. Funeral service at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, near Crawley, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 3.45 p.m. Flowers, enquiries to Freeman Brothers (F.D.), Horsham.

BATCHELOR.—On Jan. 7, 1985, in Winchester Hospital, after a short illness, LOUIS FREDERICK BERT BATCHELOR, Ex.R.N., C.P.O.M.A., aged 78 years, husband of Meta, much loved father of Brett, Cherrie, Clodagh and Tessa, and grandfather of Louise and Jonathan. Funeral service on Friday, Jan. 11, at 3 p.m., Worplesdon Parish Church, near Winchester, followed by cremation.

BENNELL.—On Jan. 5, Florence Mabel, née Francis Hopes, Brettingham, Norfolk, of Ipswich and the late Donald and Raymond. Funeral at Colchester Crematorium on Friday, Jan. 11, at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to F.M.B., care the Children Fund, Barclays Bank plc, Sudbury, Suffolk.

BENNETT.—On Jan. 5, 1985, ROSETTA SYDNEY, aged 92 years, dear husband of Nellie Hannah. Funeral service St Andrew's Church, Congresbury, Bristol, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 12 noon. Family flowers only, please. Donations in her name to the British Legion, c/o K. C. Britton, funeral director, 10, High Street, Yatton.

BENNETT.—On Jan. 7, 1985, NELLIE HANNAH, aged 89 years, dear wife of Joseph Sydney. Funeral service St Andrew's Church, Congresbury, Bristol, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 12 noon. Family flowers only, please. Donations in her name to the British Legion, c/o K. C. Britton, funeral director, 10, High Street, Yatton.

BIDDLECOMBE.—On Jan. 5, Frances S., W., beloved husband of Joan, father of Brian and Rosemary. Funeral private. Family flowers only.

BIRON.—On Jan. 7, 1985, at home, Rustington, Gertrude Frances, widow of Francis, loving sister of Lucy and Jack, very dear cousin of Edith, Geoffrey, Richard and Ronald. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Worthing, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers. Donations for St Mary's Church Fund, c/o R. Butler & Sons Ltd., 24, St John's Street, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

BLAIR.—On Jan. 6, 1985, peacefully in a Cambridge nursing home, NANCY HOPE, daughter of the late Sheriff and Mrs F. T. BLAIR of Glasgow and Sister of Alastair.

BRANTON.—On Jan. 7, LILIAN, aged 47 years, the loved wife of Peter and dearly beloved mother of James and Natalie. Funeral service at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 11, at St Mary's Wimbledon, near Henfield, Sussex. Family flowers only please. But donations if desired for Cancer Relief, may be sent to Fuller & Scott, The Waterline, Uckfield 3241.

BRAYSHER.—On Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1985, peacefully at her home, PAMELA GWENLINE BRAYSHER, of 11, Bincleaves Road, Weymouth, dearly beloved wife of Geoffrey, dearly loved mother of Michael, Tim and Angela. Funeral service on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at The Weymouth Crematorium at 2 p.m. Flowers and inquiries please to The Weymouth Funeral Service, 247, Abbotsbury Road, Weymouth. Dorset. Tel. Weymouth 785155.

BRODERICK.—On Jan. 8, 1985, peacefully at home, William, aged 80 years, the dearly loved husband of Muriel. Funeral service on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Macclesfield Crematorium at 12 noon. All inquiries to Albert R. Slack (Funeral Directors) Ltd, Wilmslow. Tel. Wilmslow 525053.

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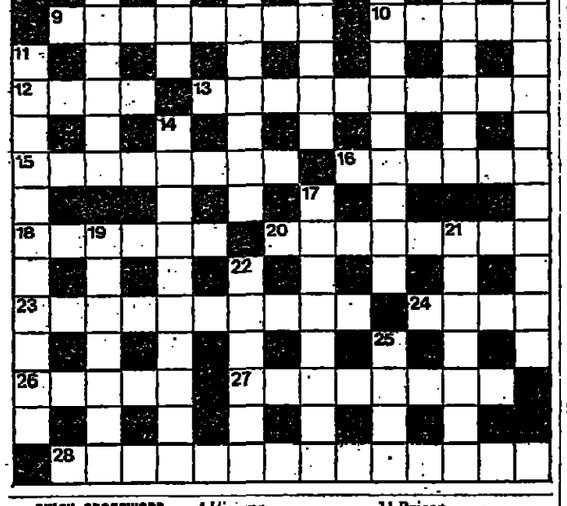

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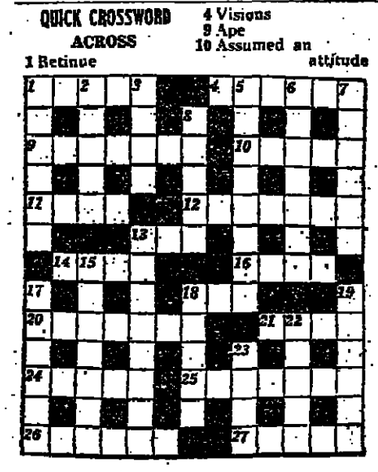

CABINET FEARS MORE UNREST AMONG TORIES

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

CABINET Ministers braced themselves yesterday for another troubled Parliamentary term beginning today after the Christmas recess, particularly over the Budget, unemployment and the miners' strike.

They feared further unrest among Conservative MPs, some of whom rebelled against the Government at the end of last year over the economy, education, transport plans, local authority reform and spending.

The Budget, to be presented on March 19, is at issue between the Cabinet and those Conservative MPs opposed to the declared aim of Mr Lawson, Chancellor, to raise tax thresholds to the total of some £1·5-billion to remove the lowest earners from paying tax.

The rebel Tory MPs, who include Mr Heath, say that any money available for tax cuts should go towards capital spending projects specifically designed to create more jobs.

But the Prime Minister and most of the Cabinet have already given the Chancellor their support, agreeing that tax cuts are the best way to tackle unemployment.

So the Tory "wets," many from marginal constituencies of high unemployment, may well have to concentrate on trying to elicit from Mr Lawson other help for the jobless.

Rise expected

Despite a slight improvement last month, the underlying trend of unemployment is expected to rise again substantially next month, so the prospect is there fore Conservative MPs wanting higher Government spending againg joining the Opposition parties in criticising Minsters.

It was also clear to Moisters last night that the miners' strike now in its 10th month, would again be one of the dominant issues during the new Parliamentary term. The numbers returning to work, although more encouraging for the National Coal Board than the National Union of Mineworkers, still do not foreshadow an early end to the strike.

Some Ministers feel that a significant collapse in support for Mr Scargill will not happen until the spring, when strikers, hopefully as the Government sees it, will realise that they have failed to cause power cuts throughout the winter. Mrs Thatcher, her confidence bolstered by industry assessment of coal stocks, remains adamant that the NCB must not make any more concessions to the striking miners.

Tory MPs will be hoping that the Prime Minister and the Chancellor are correct in asserting that economic growth, officially forecast at three per cent. this year, is not being hampered seriously by the miners' strike.

Tory anxiety about the Treasury's policies was allayed yesterday by the latest money supply figures which were better han had been anticipated.

On the subject of the Conservative party in Parliament, the *Prime Minister has told colleagues that, after the Government's problems with its own backbenchers last term, Ministers must pay more heed to the views of Tory MPs.* But she has also remanded them that they have an overall Commons' majority of 140 so that the Government should be able to fulfil its executive role.

Senior Conservative MPs have conveyed to Mrs Thatcher the widely held view on the backbenches that they are hoping for more sensitive and assured performances this year from Ministers, particularly, Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary, Mr Jenkin, Environment Secretary, and Mr Ridley, Transport Secretary.

Mrs Thatcher would feel happier about the Government's sureness of touch politically, if two of the Brighton bomb victims, Mr Wakeham, Chief Whip, and Mr Tebbit, Trade and Industry Secretary, were fully fit again. Both are still doing only limited work.

Warning to rebels from Scargill

By Our Industrial Correspondent

MR SCARGILL warned last night that the Nottinghamshire area NUM could face suspension or expulsion from the national union when the 24-man National Executive meets in Sheffield tomorrow.

Speaking on Central Television, Mr Scargill said the Notts. miners' action in changing their rules to avoid being disciplined for breaking the 43-week pit strike was a "blatant breach" of the national rule book.

He urged the area to reconsider its position "before it is too late."

Breaking the national rules was an offence which could bring "either suspension of the area or expulsion of the area," said Mr Scargill.

There is no doubt that if the issue is raised at tomorrow's executive, the miners' leaders will take a very serious view. But each represents an area union which is equally proud of its own independence within the national affiliation which forms the NUM.

If suspension is mooted, it is likely that any further steps leading to expulsion would be subject to confirmation by a full delegate conference of the national union.

Historicaly the Nottinghamshire miners, who have stood back from disruption throughout the current dispute, have always walked alone. The coalfield was the centre of the so called Spencer union, set up in opposition to the NUM in the aftermath of the General Strike of 1926.

ELECTRICITY DEMAND IS RECORD

By Our Business Correspondent

Power demand reached a new peak last night as the cold spell forced the Central Electricity Generating Board to bring more plant into operation.

Consumption reached 44,600 megawatts in the 30 minutes to 5 p.m., marginally over the previous peak of 44,225 megawatts almost five years ago.

Sir Walter Marshall, Generating Board chairman, said that the industry had been able to meet demand "without difficulty". Extra coal-based plant was brought into use.

'MILITANT' PIT BACK AT WORK

By JAMES O'BRIEN

SOME members of the miners union were at work yesterday at every colliery and workshop in the Yorkshire coalfield for the first time since the start of the 43-week-old coal strike. Coal production was resumed at Kellingley Colliery, the biggest in Yorkshire.

To jubilant cheers, some of the 166 working miners at Kellingley, near Castleford, began cutting coal on a 270-yard face as the pit joined the Yorkshire collieries of Manton, Wiston and Riccall in resuming production.

Mr Peter Simpson, the manager, confidently forecast that more men would return to work at Kellingley, which employs 2,000 men.

Kellingley has been regarded as a militant pit. There have been some violent scenes there during the strike.

Postal vote

Mr Howard Wadsworth the NUM pit delegate organised a postal questionnaire about the strike. He received 500 replies from union members and 400 said they wanted to go back to work.

A record total of 3,406 men were at work in Yorkshire in the 24 hours ending yesterday. For the first time miners went to work at Dearne Valley and Kilnhurst pits, South Yorkshire.

460 RETURN

Predictions confirmed

OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT writes: "A further 460 miners joined the drift back to work yesterday, confirming Coal Board predictions that backing for the dispute is continuing to decline.

The union executive, which meets tomorrow in Sheffield, may be faced with the news that nearly 3,000 miners have given up the strike since Christmas.

Added to 1,205 "new faces" on Monday and 701 in the previous week, yesterday's return takes the total to 2,364. More than 19,000 men have gone back since November, and the number of pits producing coal has risen to 72.

GUMMER HITS AT 'GODFATHER OF VIOLENCE'

By Our Political Staff

A charge that Mr Scargill, the NUM president, has become "the godfather of violence" on the miners' picket lines was made yesterday by Mr John Selwyn Gummer, the Conservative party chairman.

Mr Gummer also said that the miners' leader could stop intimidation in mining communities as well as violence on the picket lines if only he would give the word.

Addressing Tory party workers in London, Mr Gummer said that with more miners returning to work, "Arthur Scargill has clearly been rumbled." He was "not acting like the NUM's president; he has become its godfather. . . . the godfather of unemployment . . . the godfather of disruption."

STRIKING MINER GASSED IN CAR

A striking Kent miner found dead in his car was depressed over the pits dispute, an inquest in Dover heard yesterday. Mr John Green, 23, married, of Walmer, near Deal, died last week from the effect of exhaust fumes.

Pc William Maddocks said Mr Green's bouts of depression were made worse because he was a very proud man who felt he should provide for his family. The inquest was adjourned until Feb. 5.

2,700 SEEK 235 PIT JOBS

More than 2,700 applications have been received for 235 jobs in the Coal Board's western area, although the closing date is not until the end of March.

NCB officials in the area, which overs Lancashire, Staffordshire, North Wales and Cumbria, have launched the recruitment campaign to replace miners who have retired.

TEBBIT RETURNS TO COMMONS

Mr Norman Tebbit, Trade and Industry Secretary, is to take his seat in the Commons today for the first time since the Brighton Hotel bombing on Oct. 12 in which he and his wife were seriously injured.

He will attend a Cabinet meeting in the morning, but is not to return to work regularly at his Whitehall office. He will continue to work at an office at RAF Halton, Wendover, so he can be near his wife Margaret, who is still at Stoke Mandeville hospital.

PRIEST KIDNAPPED

By Our Beirut Correspondent

Gunmen yesterday kidnapped Fr Marin Jenco, 50, an American priest, from a busy street is Moslem West Beirut. He heads the Beirut office of the Roman Catholic relief services.

FORD DEAL

Car workers at Fords' Halewood plant in Liverpool yesterday ignored their shop stewards' advice and accepted the company's seven per cent. pay offer. The move leaves Dagenham as the only plant not to accept the deal.

Circus ring sermon by Waite

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shared a common belief with Christians in the compassion, mercy, and justice of God.

He recalled his Christmas Day meeting with Col Gaddafi and said: "In our conversation the leader told me of some of the distress some of your people have faced. Some have been afraid. Some have been bewildered and some have been deeply troubled.

Business of believers

"Whenever people are in distress it is the business of those who believe in God to go to their aid, whoever they may be, whether they be guilty or innocent.

"I have said to your leader that the Church must take a responsibility for all the Libyan people in the British Isles. We do not have power to release people. We don't have power to interfere with our legal system.

"We wouldn't want to take that power, but we would want to make sure that people are treated fairly. If a man or a mother is in distress she must know she has a friend to turn to in the Church of England.

"If someone feels, rightly or wrongly, that they have been unjustly dealt with they must know they can go to an impartial person. I have given your leader a list of people throughout the British Isles to contact should your people be in any distress or trouble.

British and patriotic

"I want to reassure any family here who has anyone in England at the moment in detention. This last weekend I travelled 700 miles myself to visit Libyans in detention.

"I shall continue until I have visited them all. Let me say clearly, so there is no mistake, they are not being tortured.

"If you hear rumours to that effect, the rumours are not true. I have seen the men for myself. I have shaken their hands, and I have spoken to them.

"Tomorrow I am looking forward to meeting families for further discussion on this matter, and I want to give them further assurances. Why do I do it? It is my duty to God and to you."

Mr Waite went on to say he was British and patriotic, and he recognised Libyans were patriotic, too, with a long-respected culture and Arab tradition. But he warned that true patriots always had enemies.

"The way to deal with the enemy is not by the gun or bullet," he said. "The way to deal with the enemy is by superior moral and spiritual strength."

As some of his audience began to drift out for a ritual visit to the local mosque, Mr Waite declared: "You can depend on the Church to deal fairly and justly and to see that there is fair and just dealing in our own country."

He concluded by quoting the "wise words" of Col Gaddafi in the latter's Christmas Day message: "Jesus Christ tells you whoever strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the left one. Whoever asks for part of your coat, give him the whole.

"Jesus likewise said you shall neither kill nor be angry, for whoever is angry with others shall be liable to the hell of fire."

Mr Waite added: "I thank your leader for those words. It reveals to me he knows the source of true moral and spiritual strength.

"And it reveals the true way to victory is not to kill but to love."

Mr Waite was given an enthusiastic reception and mingled with many of the Libyans afterwards, including women in white chadors and men in Bedouin robes.

He spoke briefly with the tearful mother of Ali Ahmed Musbah, but he will see her again today when he meets the families of the Libyans he visited in jails at the weekend.

Mr Waite also had further discussions with Government Ministers yesterday, and his request for a meeting with Col Gaddafi was sent to the Libyan leader's office.

LIBYA INQUIRY PILOT FREED

By Our Scotland Yard Staff

A freelance pilot, Mr William Childs, who had been held at Paddington Green police station under the Prevention of Terrorism Act for six days, has been released without charges.

Mr Childs had been interviewed by Anti-Terrorist Branch detectives investigating the flight from Britain, a year ago, of Mohammed Shebli, a brother-in-law of Colonel Gaddafi, who was on bail awaiting trial on charges of smuggling £4,000-worth of Cocaine and cannabis into Britain.

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DEATHS (Continued)

BROOKE.—On Jan. 7, peacefully at Nursing Home, Crystal Palace, Lucy Ethel, aged 91 years, dearly loved wife of Ernest, mother of Ann, Jill and Jane. Flowers to Morningside (F.D.), Beckenham.

BROOKE-HITCHING.—On Jan. 6, 1985, peacefully at Southampton, Geoffrey Hamilton Brooke-Hitching, formerly of Mombasa, Kenya, of Ron.

BOLGIN.—On Jan. 7, suddenly at his home, 7, Cadogan Court, West Drive, Jacob, much loved grandpa of Ann Samuels, gramps to Richard, Hartley and Phillip, Richard, Sharon, Hartley and James. Cremation at St James' Synagogue, Muswell Hill, at 1.30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 14, 1985. No flowers.

BROWN.—On Jan. 4, 1985, ROSE JOHNSON, Hyacinth, Gilmour Johnson, Nellie, aged 80, dearly loved and loving "Grandma" and sister-in-law, Gertrude. Cremation at Radlett Crematorium, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 10.45 a.m. Flowers to Camp Hopson, funeral directors, Newbury, tel. 45380.

BROWNE.—On Jan. 7, peacefully in Frinton, BETTY MARY HOPE, aged 81 years, dear sister of Joan. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Frinton-on-Sea, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation at Colchester. Flowers, if any, but donations, if desired, to the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals of Queen Alexandra's Royal Hospital Home, c/o P. G. Coley Ltd., 47, High Street, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex.

BULLOCK.—On Jan. 8, 1985, peacefully in the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, West Hill, London, SW15, DOROTHY, aged 85, widow of Frederick Bullock, formerly of Wimbledon Road, London, SW15. Flowers or donations to Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables.

BURLEY.—On Jan. 7, suddenly and peacefully, Winifred Ward, of Hale, Cheshire, dearly loved wife of Fred, mother of Christopher and Jennifer, and grandmother of John and Paul. Funeral at Bowdon Parish Church, on Monday, Jan. 14, at 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

BURNSIDE.—On Jan. 7, 1985, suddenly at home, Nevill Burnside, Gunnow, dearly beloved husband of Joan, father of Hilton Brothers Ltd., dear loved brother of late Sylvia, dear father-in-law and grandfather-in-law of Michael and Kathleen, father and brother of Bill, grandfather of Michael, Richard and Stephen. Funeral at St Mark's Church, Ralston, Buckinghamshire, on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research, Ralston, Buckinghamshire. Arrival at 3 p.m. to mourn, Gerrards Cross 883311, which all friends are respectfully invited.

CLARTER.—On Jan. 5, 1985, peacefully at home, Ethel and Lawrence Hospital, dear wife of Lawrence and Sheila and loving sister of Dorothy Arnold. Grandmother of Roderick. Funeral Charing Crematorium, Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 12 noon. Flowers to Hobson & Partis, Solomons Lane, Faversham, Kent.

CLOGAN.—On Jan. 7, 1985, TERENCE MICHAEL, aged 56 years, of Long Barn, Wilmslow, Cheshire, Bursar, International Manchester, beloved husband of June and much loved father of John and Christopher. Funeral service St Mary's Church, Prestbury, on Monday, Jan. 14, at 12 noon. Flowers to A. J. Walsh & Sons, 51, East Street, Bridport. Tel. 05308 23726.

COATES.—On Jan. 8, peacefully in a Bexhill nursing home, Marjorie Ethel. Cremation Eastbourne, Thursday, Jan. 17, at 12.30 p.m. Family only, but invited by her relatives and many friends. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research, c/o Mummery (F.D.), 31, Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea.

COOKE.—On Jan. 6, 1985, peacefully at home, 5, Cressoville Road, Yatton, Avon, AUDREY THEODORE, Cockcroft, in his 85th year, formerly Headmaster, Newbridge Grammar School, beloved husband of Flosser and dearly loved father of Orell. Funeral service at Watton Methodist Church on Saturday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m., followed by interment at Yatton Cemetery. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research, may be sent to K. C. Britton, funeral director, 10, High Street, Yatton.

CORAH.—On Jan. 6, 1985, peacefully at Sevenoaks Hospital, after a short illness, Lady MARIA EMORY, aged 87 years, of 98, Woodside Road, Sevenoaks, widow of Sir John Corah, Knight, formerly of Nottingham. Funeral service at All Saints' Church, Sevenoaks, Kent, on Monday, Jan. 14, at 11.30 a.m. Burial following the ceremony. All flowers and inquiries to Gibbs & Gunnridge Ltd., funeral directors, of Tonbridge, tel. 0732 56711.

COX.—On Jan. 7, 1985, peacefully, NORA MONICA, née Aitken, beloved wife of Sydney, much loved mother of Deane and Linda, and the late Julian and a dotted grandma. By her own request, no funeral service, committal only on Thursday, Jan. 10, at Mortlake and Crematorium at 10.50 a.m. Inquiries to Albert R. Slack (Funeral Directors) Ltd, Wilmslow. Tel. Wilmslow 525053.

CRAWFORD.—On Jan. 6, after a short illness, JOHN SHIRMAN, aged 65, husband of Kathleen (Jimmie) and Nicholas, much loved husband of Leslie and loving father of Jane and Adam, and friend of Christopher Phillips. Cremation at Guildford, on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 2 p.m. Inquiries and flowers to Gould & Chapman Ltd., Grayshott. Tel. 07126 2176.

CRAWFORD.—On Jan. 5, 1985, at her home, Cliff Top, Mistcliffe Crescent, Gorran, Devon, Elizabeth Rose, aged 84 years, widow of Maurice James Crawford, formerly of Hatch End, Middlesex. Funeral service at the Evelyn and Dixon Crematorium on Friday, Jan. 11, at 11.30 a.m. No flowers, by request.

CROSBY.—On Jan. 7, 1984, peacefully, Maurice Grace, aged 87 years, of Worthing. Inquiries Worthing 34556.

CULLFORD.—On Dec. 29, peacefully at Battle, Sussex, Wynnette, aged 93 years. The funeral took place on Friday, Jan. 4.

DEAL.—On Dec. 31, 1984, in hospital, peacefully, NELLIE ALICE (Nellie), of Lizards, Jeks Lane, Tenterden, Kent, for many years, Sister at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London. Funeral at Tenterden Church on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 2.30 p.m.

DENTON.—On Dec. 31, 1984, suddenly, GWENDOLINE MARY, aged 90 years, of 36, St Leonard's Gardens, Hove, widow of Cecil and sadly missed by Mary Denton. Service at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 12.45 p.m. Inquiries to H. G. Tribe Ltd., Broadwater, Worthing 34516.

DIGBY.—On Jan. 6, peacefully in her sleep after a short illness, Margaret Digby, C.B.E., formerly of the Plunkett Foundation Co-operative Studies, and family of Hatch End, near Newbury, Berks. Service at Oxford Crematorium on Monday, Jan. 14, at 12 noon, to be followed by a church service at St Margaret's, East Woodhay, near Newbury, on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to Camp Hopson & Co., Northbrook Street, Newbury, or donations to the Church Flower Fund.

DOUGLAS.—On Jan. 7, 1985, at home, HEATHER JOAN MACLEAN, of Ardgour, wife of Ian. Funeral at Balmacellan House on Friday, Jan. 11, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only.

EDWARDS-JONES.—On Jan. 5, NEST ELVIRA, in her 77th year, of Cres Court, Sheldwich, Kent, widow of Dr Cecil Edwards-Jones, Swansea, beloved mother of Diana, sister of Dilys and Talfan. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium, Monday, Jan. 14, at 1 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

ELLIS.—On Jan. 7, peacefully in hospital, KATHLEEN R. ELLIS, of 4, Fordham, Haddenham, Herts, dearly loved mum of Peter and Yvonne. Funeral Hartwbury Chapel, Hertford Heath, on Monday, Jan. 14, at 10.30 a.m. Close family flowers only, but donations to R.N.I.B. All friends very welcome.

EVERETT.—On Jan. 4, 1985, MARY JOSEPHINE BOURDEIRE EVERETT, of 1, Foxley Lane, Purley, daughter of the late Mrs Adele Everett, formerly of St. Cyprian's Road, London. Funeral service prior to cremation at United Reformed Church, Purley, on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 3 p.m. Inquiries and flowers to Messrs. Ebbutt's, 89, High Street, Croydon, 688 5555.

FAIRS.—On Jan. 6, 1985, peacefully, R. B. (Bert) Fairs, aged 84, beloved husband of Grace. Service at Rowfant Park Crematorium, Lewes Road, on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Church of England Children's Society, Old Town Hall, Kennington Road, London, S.E.1.

FERGUSON.—On Jan. 6, 1985, CLIFFORD, aged 87 years, of Chase Cottage, Crowborough, Sussex, formerly Manager of the Nat West Bank, Farnborough, Kent. Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 11 a.m. Family flowers only, but if desired donations in aid of Dr Barnardo's Homes may be sent to A. E. Iliffe & Son, funeral directors, 17, Victoria Road, Ferndown, Dorset. Tel. 02202 872050.

FIELDEN.—On Jan. 7, DAVID WILLIAM FIELDEN, A.R.I.B.A., F.F.B., beloved husband of Helen and father of Hilary and Richard. Funeral 1p.45 p.m., St Peter's, Dulwich Common, Friday, Jan. 11. No flowers please, but donations to British Heart Foundation.

FREEMAN.—On Jan. 8, 1985, ALICE HYBERT, aged 83 years. Funeral service in St Mary's, Richmansworth, at 11.45 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 14, followed by cremation at Chilterns Crematorium. Flowers and all inquiries to Lance Deeble Ltd, 63, High Street, Rickmansworth. Tel. Rickmansworth 77001.

GILLIVRAY.—On Jan. 5, 1985, suddenly, GEOFFREY IRVINE, of 3, Bixley Way, Wilton, and of 9, Westwood Close, Lowestoft, in W. Funeral service and cremation at Cambridge City Crematorium on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 1 p.m. By request family flowers only, please, but if desired donations may be made to Royal National Lifeboat Institution, c/o Mr W. G. Samuel, Norman Funeral Service, 28, Abbey Walk, Cambridge.

GLOVER.—On Jan. 6, 1985, suddenly, Dr Hans Miles, of North Lees, 187, Woods End Lane, Chesfield, loving husband of Joan and father of Alan, Sheila, Eileen, Ruth and Andrew, and very proud grandfather of 15 grandchildren. Funeral service at St John's United Reformed Church, Lymwood Grove, Orpington, on Monday, Jan. 14, at 11 a.m., followed by private burial. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to the Lymwood Mission, 50, Portland Place, London W.1.

GOLDER.—On Jan. 8, 1985, at her home in Northwood, Mary, wife of the late Norman S. Golder and dearly loved mother of Kathleen, Ruth and Nancy. Funeral service at St Johns United Reformed Church, Hallowell Road, Northwood, on Thursday, Jan. 10,